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Editor's Note

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. Worst was more evident, however. We're not even kidding. We had three days to produce this ink and paper wonder of the world (aka hobo blanket) you're reading right now. That should be an FML by itself (at one point on the stress-stricken Thursday, we considered just reprinting the top FMLs to fill a conspicuous gap in Forum).

But really, despite atrocious "your face" jokes from 1/3 of the Editors in Chief (height of Will Poff-Webster: 6 feet, 1.5 inches; height of Andy Vo: 3 feet, 3/4 inch), we courageously persevered in publishing this swine-flu-ridden broadsheet. This production week reminded us of 9th grade English, when every single frikkin' essay was about various characters "overcoming obstacles," but still we triumphed! We pushed through plague-wracked corpses of fallen editors, recalcitrant printers, Photoshop semi-fraud, and sugar highs and sugar lows—but no, really, we don't like to talk about the lows.

So in actuality, we ended up with a great issue for you to end the school year. We have an article on the possibility of someday, somehow, not having to race home at 8 PM before bus passes expire. We have an amazing versus on whether SATs should impact college admissions. We have have a scathing review of the Fox show "Glee" (maybe if we read it, we'll finally know what a "glee club" is... sounds like an underground Fight Club), and last but certainly not least, and a thought-provoking sports versus on David Ortiz.

So we ended up all right after all! As the Guitar Hero song famously proclaims, "through the fire and the flames we carry on."

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NH Senate Approves Same-Sex Marriage

By Joe Graham, II
Contributing Writer

In the midst of the difficult times currently plaguing the United States, the nation seems to be heading in a more progressive direction. New Hampshire is on the verge of becoming the sixth state to pass a bill allowing same-sex marriage, which would go into effect on January 1, 2010. In a statement released on May 14, Governor John Lynch of New Hampshire expressed his support for same-sex marriage when he stated that he has "a responsibility to consider this issue through a broader lens."

Lynch made it clear that he would pass a bill allowing same-sex marriage as long as the bill does not interfere with religious freedom. He praised the Legislature's revised version of the bill for taking "an important step by clearly differentiating between civil and religious marriage, and protecting religious groups from having to participate in marriage ceremonies that violate their fundamental religious beliefs."

Governor Lynch originally seemed to be a potential obstacle for same-sex marriage in New Hampshire. He had previously supported civil unions, signing a law approving them in May 2007, but had consistently opposed same-sex marriage. When Lynch flip-flopped on the issue, former governor of New Hampshire John Sununu said in an interview with a *Globe* reporter that Lynch had "wiggled out of his commitment to traditional marriage."

The bill, however, is not set in stone just yet. Though the House of Representatives passed a bill approving same-sex marriage with a vote of 186-179 in March, and the New Hampshire Senate approved a revised version of the bill with a 13-11 vote in April, on May 20, the NH House Representatives rejected the updated version of the bill in a 188-186 vote, citing concerns about religious groups' rights to not recognize same-sex unions.

The discrepancy between the two ballots is largely due to the fact that many members of the 400-body chamber hold day jobs and cannot attend every session, leading to inconsistent votes. Thus, with such an immobilizing problem at hand, it is unknown whether New Hampshire will ever pass the legislation. Another vote is scheduled for June 4.

Here at Boston Latin School, a number of students have contributed their thoughts on the potential approval of same-sex marriage legislation in New Hampshire. Paul Gels (II) says it is "very important that everyone has equal rights in all ways such as marriage," and that "it's awesome that it's becoming a recurring trend with states legalizing gay marriage."

"It's a good economic decision as well," says Mehraj Awal (II). "Massachusetts received quite a bit of money from ceremonies and taxes from legalizing gay marriage."

Generally, though, students seem rather neutral on the issue, with one sophomore who asked not to be named stating, "Personally, I'm not against it, but I don't support it either." By no means are all students in consensus, as John McKenna (II) explicitly states, "Marriage should be what the religious bodies of America define it as, it's their call, not the government's, and that is where it should remain."

Still, it is uncertain whether same-sex marriage will be legalized in New Hampshire. This seems to be a growing pattern, especially in New England, and a number of factors have deferred the passing of this legislation for some time. Regardless of any support or dissent on the issue, the United States has been known to gradually move forward in the direction of social equality. Small actions transpire slowly but steadily to extend equality to discriminated groups in America. It is possible that New Hampshire will live up to its motto, "live free or die," with its new chance to widen the individual liberties of its citizens.

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When Swine Flew

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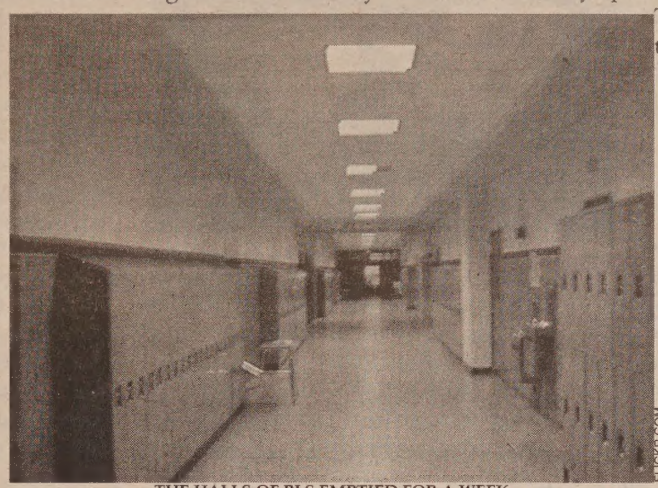
Three weeks ago, Boston Latin School classes and activities were cancelled in an unprecedented weeklong school closure, as dozens of students developed flu-like symptoms. The Boston Public Health Commission issued a statement recommending that "all athletic, artistic, social and organizational activities, meetings, practices, competitions, and events" be cancelled for the mandatory, seven-day quarantine period. Swine flu's reputation as a fatal illness stirred a mild panic amongst BLS students. The spread of the disease, which broke out during pollen season, was facilitated by the coughing and sneezing caused by allergies. Allergy symptoms, coupled with H1N1, spelled a health disaster for BLS students.



THE HALLS OF BLS EMPTIED FOR A WEEK

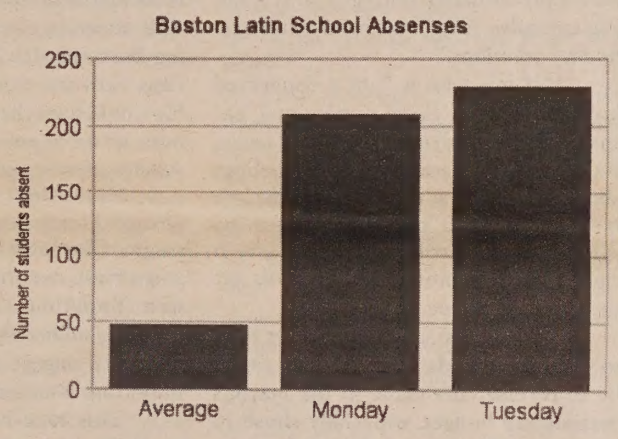
Both students and teachers were caught off guard when the decision came in on Tuesday, May 19 to suddenly close off the school for an entire week. The BLS community was notified of the mandatory closure on the day before the quarantine period began, at around 1:00 PM. The Boston Public Health Commissioner, the mayor, and the superintendent had made the decision earlier that day because over 200 students were absent with flu-like symptoms. Along with several sports tournaments, activities, events, and musical performances, MCAS and AP exams were also supposed to take place during this week of closure. While students and faculty were prohibited from entering the building, custodians used the time to sanitize the area and ensure the safety of the environment upon the students' return.

Although this impromptu vacation was exciting for most, it brought disappointments for others. The Junior Prom, which was initially scheduled for Friday, May 22, had to be postponed to Thursday, June 11. The unexpected rescheduling caused many more complications due to the fact that prom was planned far ahead of time, and hair appointments and limousine and tuxedo rentals were made far in advance. Many juniors were forced to pay for prom arrangements which they were unable to use, and the postponement made it more difficult for juniors to make arrangements on short notice.

The swine flu scare also canceled all sport practices and events, but did not afford athletes a chance to relax and regain strength. Several BLS sports teams had to abruptly end their seasons, including girls' tennis and boys' volleyball. The girls' crew team was forced to forfeit from their most important racing event of the year, for which they had spent six months training. Their proposal to be tested for all traces of influenza, to relieve suspicions of illness so that they could race, was denied.

Chris Middleton (II) and the Grieg Quartet, which consists of violinists B. Kim (IV) and Tadesh Inagaki (II), cellist Christopher Nguyen (II), and violist Allyn McCourt (II), all from BLS, were two of the four groups who won the Fidelity FutureStage competition and were selected to play at the Boston Pops concert at Symphony Hall on Wednesday, May 20. The other two groups were from the Roland Hayes school and the Boston Arts Academy, neither of which were closed, and performed at the concert without the BLS groups. Fortunately, the two groups from BLS were filmed just hours before the performance so that they could be shown on screen without having to actually be present. Both groups will get their chance to play on Symphony Hall's stage on Wednesday, June 10.

All in all, the entire student body was greatly affected in one way or another by this epidemic. The sick were bedridden for a week, and student activities were canceled to prevent the spread of H1N1. While few appreciated this disruption, the unexpected vacation gave some members of the student body a quick taste of summer and the opportunity to relax in the warmer weather.



News Bits

>>>Recently, North Korea caused an international frenzy after it was revealed that they had been conducting an underground nuclear test, which was powerful enough to be compared to the bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The country's bold defiance poses a grave concern to many, especially since it violates U.N. Security Council resolutions. President Barack Obama has called North Korea's missile program and its attempts to develop nuclear weapons "a threat to international peace and security." (FOX)

>>>On May 25, President Obama revealed his nominee for justice of the Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor. If approved, she will be the first Hispanic in history to hold this position. President Obama chose his nominee because of her intellect and empathy, traits that allow her to understand the troubles of an average American. Sotomayor's parents emigrated from Puerto Rico to New York, where she grew up in the Bronx. (FOX)

>>>On May 26, the California Supreme Court voted "Yes" in a 6-1 ruling on Proposition 8, which eliminated same-sex marriage. This decision limits the same-sex marriage rights previously enjoyed by homosexual Californians. The court voted unanimously that the estimated 18,000 same-sex couples who had been married before Proposition 8 was passed in November would continue to have their marriage recognized by the state. (LATimes)

>>>Abu Ibrahim, a 73-year-old Palestinian terrorist, is a master bomber who had once targeted commercial airlines and had been under suspicion of helping the Iraq insurgency. For many decades, the FBI have tried to arrest Ibrahim, whose real name is Husayn al-Umari, placing him on the list of most wanted terrorists. He was the head of "15 May," a terrorist organization named after the founding date of Israel. Recently, an anonymous FBI official stated that after slipping through Syria, Ibrahim fled to Tripoli, Lebanon, his hometown. (FOX)

Battling Cancer and... My Mom?

By E.B. Keane-Farrell, II
Contributing Writer

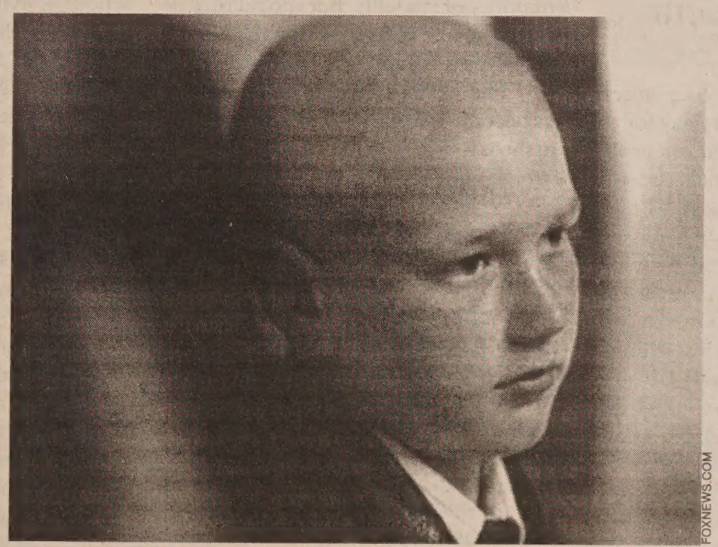
A simple instance of a disease has mushroomed into a controversy of ethics, liberty, and medicine.

In mid-January, Danny Hauser, one of the eight children of Anthony and Colleen Hauser, went to the doctor with a bout of coughing. Soon, the 13-year-old boy was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a malignant cancer that painlessly enlarges the lymph nodes and spleen. With chemotherapy, this disease can be treated within five years with a 95 percent survival rate.

The family, however, refused chemotherapy after one round, citing the religious beliefs of Danny and his mother, Colleen. The two are members of the Nemenhah Band, a Native-inspired, Missouri-based religious organization founded in the 1990s that uses herbal remedies and totes the motto "our religion is our medicine." They originally agreed to the treatment because a week after he was diagnosed with cancer, the illness sent Danny to the emergency room.

But after one round, Mrs. Hauser insisted that the chemo be stopped. She believed injecting the pharmaceuticals into Danny was "torture," and tried relying on ionized water, supplements, and herbs to save her son. Mrs. Hauser lost a sister to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and blamed the chemotherapy. Though an oncologist testified that Danny's tumor shrunk due to the chemotherapy, the family did not show up for the second treatment, prompting the hospital to contact state authorities.

This case, which was brought to court, brings up an interesting point: how much freedom does one have when it comes to one's medical treatment? Irrefutable evidence showed that the chemotherapy helped to shrink Danny's tumor, and that halting the treatment would be detrimental to his health. If he pursues chemotherapy, he has a 95 percent chance of survival. Without the medicine, the survival rate drops to five percent.



HAUSER WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A TREATABLE FORM OF CANCER

Though the court ruled the Hausers "medically negligent," Danny has made his position clear: he does not want chemotherapy. Even so, Danny is allegedly not competent enough to choose his own course of treatment—not only because he is a minor, but also because of several other important factors. Apparently, the boy is illiterate and has an extremely limited understanding of the severity of his tumor and of the low success rate of the Nemenhah medicine.

Freedom of religion brings up a tough issue in these types of cases. The balance between parents' rights to utilize their own religion is balanced with the responsibility of the government to protect citizens of the United States. Certainly, the Hausers are free to be members of the Nemenhah Band, but how far does that go? In California, a mother once tried to treat her child's meningitis with the power of prayer. When that failed and the child died, the mother was prosecuted for involuntary manslaughter.

Cases like these bring up other issues. For instance, does the government have the right to interfere in how a child is raised? The Hausers were summoned to court on May 19 to determine whether or not Danny had to be court-ordered to undergo chemotherapy. Mrs. Hauser and Danny, however, did not appear and spent an entire week out of state with their whereabouts unknown. A warrant was put out for the mother's arrest, but she returned willingly on May 26. Did the government have the right to interfere in such a way? If Danny Hauser were five years older and a legal adult, then this controversy would not have taken place. But, due to his status as a minor, Danny is unallowed to refuse the chemotherapy, and apparently neither are his parents. This leads into a third issue: what freedom does a minor to make his or her own decisions?

After they acknowledged that their son would die without chemotherapy and promised to have him undergo a second treatment, Mr. and Mrs. Hauser were allowed to retain custody of their son.

News

Latin Attend YouthMatter! Rally

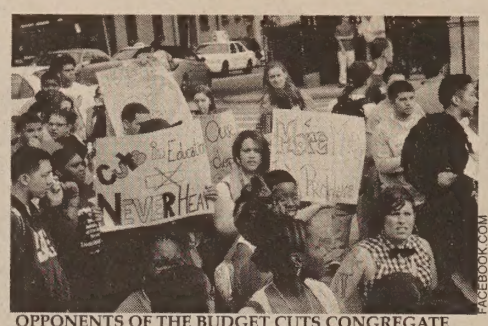
Emily Cirillo, II
Staff Wrtier

On Wednesday May 20, 2009, a coalition of student groups held the Youth Matter rally in front of the Massachusetts State House despite the unexpected H1N1-induced vacation at Boston Latin School. Members of the youth coalition included Boston Youth Organizing Project (B.Y.O.P.), Hyde Square Task Force, Boston Student's Advisory Council (B.S.A.C.), and the student-run organization, the Student Alliance for the Future of Education (S.A.F.E.). S.A.F.E. was founded by William Poff-Webster (II), Nick Parker (II), Maya Jonas-Silver (II), Emily Wean (II) and others as a group which opposes the budget cuts proposed by the Boston Public Schools system. S.A.F.E. was founded in January 2009 during a tumultuous time when rumors of budget cuts began circulating around the school.

A total of three hundred students, teachers, parents and allies attended the Youth Matter rally. Many Boston Latin School students, along with throngs of other students from across the city, congregated outside the Massachusetts State House to support the cause. Poff-Webster, who represented S.A.F.E. by speaking at Youth Matter, says that "we got the word out [about the rally] through word of mouth, flyers, Facebook, press releases, and media appearances."

The purpose of the rally was to fight for the new revenue, brought in by the State Legislature's decision to raise taxes, which would stop budgets cuts in public school systems.

However, the originally drastic budget cuts, which were gossiped about around the school, including rumors of students taking five classes instead of six and the closure of the library after school, are no longer happening. If BLS is not facing the extreme budget cuts predicted in the "worst case scenario" by Head Master Mooney Teta and Superintendent Johnson, then why does it matter? "Boston Latin School isn't the only school affected by the cuts," Parker explains. "Smaller schools were going to receive less aid. The rally was basically held to fund all of the Boston Public Schools, not just Latin. Moreover, this budget problem is not going to go away just because we got some extra money from the mayor. Next year we're going to continue to have a budget crisis, so it's important to do as much work as we can now."



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OPPONENTS OF THE BUDGET CUTS CONGREGATE

Even though some parts of BLS will recieve enough funding for the 2009-2010 school year, not every department will benefit from the proposed amount. The Arts and Music departments will suffer major losses, like the departure of beloved music teacher Christopher Charig. "We still held the rally because, though the worst case scenario has been avoided, we cannot ignore the fact that about 150 teachers and over 300 other BPS workers are being laid off. We are still losing teachers at our school and huge layoffs are being made across the city," Jonas-Silver says.

S.A.F.E. is a program that protects the rights of not only BLS students, but also students from all Boston Public Schools. "The fact is that if students don't like their education, they'll stop coming to school, and then our future doesn't look so bright," says Poff-Webster.

The Amazing Mayoral Race

By Maya Jonas-Silver, II
Assistant News Editor

Thomas M. Menino became the acting mayor of Boston in the summer of 1993, and has served ever since. This year's Boston Latin School graduates do not remember Boston before Menino. Members of class III have lived their entire lives with the Menino administration. And in June, he will become the longest-serving mayor in the city's history.

When the mayor announced his candidacy for a never-before-attempted fifth term, it sparked controversy among many Bostonians who feel that the city has turned into a dictatorship and that the "mayor for life" should step down. City Councilors Michael Flaherty and Sam Yoon, as well as businessman Kevin McCrea, have cast their hats into the fray in an attempt to unseat Menino.

The three have different approaches to the best way to change Boston politics. Yoon has insisted that the most important issue is Boston's political structure. He said in an interview that "Boston politics has been too focused on power and not enough on ideas. And this...holds our city back from being a world-class city."

Flaherty feels that Boston's policies are simply outdated, stating "I don't think you can solve today's problems with yesterday's solutions."

McCrea, who is "not a connected insider like [his] three opponents" has an entirely new take on the issues facing Boston. With no attempt to hide feelings about the current administration, McCrea is running because "the city's not working, the schools are terrible, [and only] one in eight kids in Boston Public Schools get their college degree."

Each also has a unique plan for what to change first. McCrea's priority would be to reverse cuts made in the mayor's preliminary budget, especially those to education. He has conducted his own analysis of the budget and has come to the conclusion that there *is* no budget deficit in Boston. "Are you familiar with the story of *Chicken Little*?" asked McCrea, "'The sky is falling, the sky is falling!' Well, the sky isn't falling." McCrea thinks that Menino is holding back on city revenue to further his own political objectives.

Flaherty "would create a comprehensive strategic plan to combat crime and violence in our city," in addition to improving Boston Public Schools by decreasing class sizes and extending the school day. He would fund these programs by cutting both wasteful government spending and salaries of overpaid city employees.

Yoon's first priority would be to change the way mayors fundraise for campaigns. Currently, the mayor carries campaign funds over from one election to the next. Yoon thinks that if Menino did not have $1.5 million saved, he would be more willing to engage in debates and discuss important issues in a public forum.

This race has taken a decidedly anti-Menino spin. Yoon and McCrea are both running their campaigns on everything Menino has done wrong in his tenure, rather than what they would do right. Though he has been pointed in his criticism of Menino, in an interview with the *Argo*, Flaherty tried to steer his campaign from a negative message, putting emphasis on things that could be improved in the city. Of the three, McCrea has by far the most extreme opinions of the current administration, and the most incendiary views on the way the city has been handling the budget crisis. Time will tell if McCrea's analysis of the budget is correct, and if so, it will provide him with strong ammunition against Menino. Yoon came into the race fighting for more transparency in city government, and though all three candidates have established that they want to end corruption and wastefulness in the city, Yoon has made this his focal point.

Though all contestants are fighting for noble causes, Menino's widespread support gives the candidates little hope. The election, however, calls much-needed attention to city government and the strong campaigns of Menino's opponents have at least pressured him enough force him into the three debates he has agreed to.

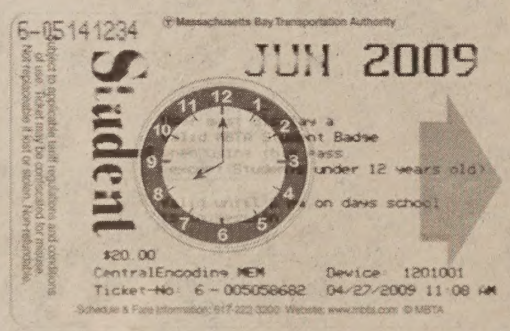
Student Passes: Unfair Fares

By Michael Raleigh, III
Contributing Writer

$1.70 may not seem like much money, but $1.70 per trip every day for 30 weeks can really add up. This is a problem many Boston Latin School students encounter as a result of the strict limits on the monthly MBTA student passes. Student passes are restricted to work only between the hours of 5:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on school days. However, it is common for BLS students to remain at school past the scheduled time because of school-related events and activities, such as Music Night, theater productions, Argo production, or simply group projects.

The purpose of the MBTA student pass is to provide students with transportation to and from the school free of charge. The MBTA assumes that students who use their passes after 8:00 P.M. are not coming from school-sponsored events. This assumption, however, is sadly untrue. Riding the train home after hanging out with friends on a Friday night is not the same as volunteering at school or performing at Music Night. Students who stay late into the evening at BLS are a minority of students. But should they be denied the free transportation the MBTA student pass is supposed to cover?

The extracurricular factor, which has become much more competitive and cutthroat over the years, is becoming increasingly important in the college admissions process. However, some students are deterred from participating in clubs and sports because of the fact that they have to pay to take public transportation home from school sponsored events. Allyn McCourt (II) laments, "It's not fair that in a public school setting, where clearly money is an issue for many students, that students are expected to have to pay their own fare home from school activities. It sort of defeats the purpose of the bus pass system." On the other hand, Alex Legendre (IV) strongly disagrees. "By having this 8:00 P.M. cap," he says, "it keeps students form being out late at night by making them responsible for the cost of their bus ride. Also, the BPS should assume that if you are at a school, even your parents/guardians should be a part of your extracurricular.



ELODIE PAQUETTE (II)
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE WITH STUDENT PASSES

The time limit of the school passes not only inhibits students from partaking from extracurricular activities, but in some cases, they also prevent students from learning in general. The Codman Academy, a charter school located in Dorchester, was granted the right to open the school on Saturdays by the Massachusetts Board of Education. Approximately 100 students from Boston and neighboring suburbs travel to this school for classes and internships. These classes and internships, however, are extremely different from the normal high school learning experience. Codman students often trek to Charlestown for sailing lessons; they visit various colleges such as University of Massachusetts and Northeastern University to learn about African diasporas and to take law courses. Students are even given the opportunity to learn studio art and media from reputable museums. Principal Meg Campell exclaims, "The T pass for us is like a pencil, paper, or computer. We can't function without it." Almost 80 percent of the Codman student body recieve free or reduced lunches, and teachers, like Civics teacher Roy Karp, worry that it is not "guaranteed that these kids have a buck and a quarter in their pockets" to pay for bus fare.

So what is the solution to this problem? With this current recession hitting hard, is it worth the $59 to pay for transportation past 8:00 P.M.? Will it save taxpayers' money in the future if students pay for late evening transport? All these questions need to be weighed in deciding whether or not the MBTA should extend the end time for student passes. (It should be said that only a few years ago MBTA student passes expired at 6:00 P.M..) There is no answer that will make everyone happy. Inevitably, someone will lose money; the question is who.

News

The Secret Lives of Teachers

By Toni Jonas-Silver, V
& Sophie Granberry, V
Contributing Writers

Dr. Carroll the Elder

Dr. George Carroll the Elder is renowned throughout the school for his flamboyant personality and spectacular sense of style. We decided to interview him for his whole story. Dr. Carroll attended Boston Latin School and graduated in 1962, making him, by his own calculations, 39 years old. His German teacher of two years, Mr. Van Steenbergen, "smiled occasionally. We thought we might hazard a smile once in a while. But we weren't too sure."

Dr. Carroll knows a great deal about the BLS of the past. When asked to compare his experience at BLS to the experiences of today's students, he told us that very few students achieved grades above 75 percent. Dr. Caroll also noticed that people need to memorize far less now than when he attended BLS, which he considers an improvement. To prove his point, he asked us for any English verb, (I said "run") and he conjugated it in Latin, German, and French. He also commented on the fact that when he was at school here, there were only three females in the building: the school nurse, the secretary, and the librarian. Nowadays, the school is more than half female, and "the administration and the faculty are replete with highly dedicated, inventive, vibrant women."

While at BLS, he participated in many extracurricular activities. You may not expect it, but he was involved both hockey and football, as well as the Glee Club, the *Register*, and the yearbook.

Over the years, he has been lucky enough to teach more than a few current teachers. "Some of them seem to have survived me," he said, smiling.

Dr. Carroll is famous for his interesting taste in fashion. He told the Argo that he likes to buy things on sale, and only very occasionally shops at places like Louis Vuitton, because he finds it hard to rationalize buying such expensive clothing. He says that in the last five or ten years he has grown to love color. He did not want too much said about his clothing in the article because he says, "People might think I'm a Nixon-voter."

And no, he never voted for Nixon.

Officer Manny

We all know Officer Manny. We see him in the hallways during school, and he greets us every morning at the front door, usually with a "thank youuu," but many people do not know much more about him than that. Manuel Durant immigrated to the United States at age sixteen from Cuba.

While living in Cuba, he served in the Cuban Revolution as a boy soldier. Because he is bilingual, Manny was not on a frontline; during the war he translated radio transmissions from American news stations. When he arrived in the United States, he attended high school in Brooklyn, New York. He got his first job there at a department store. Two years later, he got a job at a New York airport. He moved to Boston in 1979, and he attended Boston Police Academy in 1997. In December 2003, he started work at Boston Latin School.

The first thing he noticed when he began working at BLS was that it was a quiet school, and he appreciated the respect and cooperation of students. Manny described his daily routine: "The first thing I do is walk around the building to see if there are any unwanted items." After the bell at 7:30 A.M., Manny waits outside for everyone to arrive to school. Finally, Manny comes inside and takes charge of the tardy desk.

Officer Manny, for all your great work at Boston Latin School, thank youuu.

Mr. and Mrs. Long

We asked Mr. and Mrs. Long a few questions about each other and their time at Boston Latin School. We will leave it to you to compare their answers.

Mrs. Long's Answers:
Q: How did you meet?
A: It was Saint Patrick's Day weekend, so I met up with my college girlfriends for my friend's birthday... Mr. Long was out with my friend's boyfriend at the time. My college girlfriend and Mr. Long's childhood friend are now married with two children. They take credit for our romance.
Q: What is your pet peeve?
A: When Mr. Long drops r's where they belong and puts them in where they do not.
Q: What is Mr. Long's pet peeve?
A: People who don't drive well.
Q: What is your favorite thing about minibaby?
A: I love when minibaby hugs me and just hangs on.
Q: Who wakes up more often to get minibaby?
A: Mr. Long.
Q: How tall are you?
A: Five foot one in heels!
Q: What is your favorite book, and why?
A: Most recently I enjoyed *Chasing Shakepeare* by Sarah Smith and *The Eyre Affair* by Jasper F. Forde, but those are just for fun.
Q: What's Mr. Long's favorite book?
A: *Confessions of an Economic Hitman*
Q: What was your first day at BLS like?
A: I remember that I loved my homeroom and they helped me through.
Q: What hairstyle makes Mr. Long look the best?
A: MULLET!
Q: How do you feel about the fact that you gave up the beautiful alliteration "Molly McDonald"?
A: I still go by M cubed from time to time but I've really compromised with Mr. Long. I suppose I haven't really given it up.
Q: Do you have any good stories about working at BLS?
A: Usually the fun stuff happens in Mr. Watson and Mrs. McLean's office, but I do have some embarrassing stories.

Mr. Long's Answers
Q: How did you meet?
A: I met Mrs. Long through my best friend who is married to her friend.
Q: What is your pet peeve?
A: Being late.
Q: What is Mrs. Long's pet peeve?
A: Her pet peeve is when "someone" leaves the toilet seat up.
Q: Who wakes up more often to get minibaby?
A: I do.
Q: What is your favorite thing about minibaby?
A: My favorite thing is when he says "bess you" after someone sneezes.
Q: How tall are you?
A: Six foot three.
Q: What's your favorite book, and why?
A: *A Soldier of the Great War* by Mark Helprin. It is a great adventure story.
Q: What's Mrs. Long's favorite book?
A: *Les Miserables*. She loves teaching the book.
Q: What was your first day at BLS like?
A: I survived and I covered Ms. Gomez's maternity leave.
Q: What hairstyle makes Mrs. Long look the best?
A: Mrs. Long's best hairstyle is the one that gets me out of the house on time.
Q: How do you feel about the fact that Mrs. Long's email address is still "McDonald"?
A: I try to pick my battles.
Q: Do you have any good stories about working at BLS?
A: Nothing that can be printed in the *Argo*...

Aung San Suu Kyi Under Fire Again

By Rachel McKay, II
Assistant News Editor

On May 3, 2009, Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of the National League for Democracy in Burma, pled not guilty to the charge of violating the conditions of her house arrest by housing American John William Yettaw. Yettaw, age 53, of Missouri, had swum across a lake near her house to warn Suu Kyi of an assassination attempt he foresaw in a dream. She let him stay in her house for two days and when he left, he was caught and promptly arrested. If convicted, Yettaw could face up to seven years in prison for entering a restricted zone, and if she is convicted, Suu Kyi will face five years in prison.

To many in the West, this is just the latest in a series of grievous civil rights abuses by the military dictatorship in Burma. In the 1962 coup d'etat, the army took control of the country from the democratic government and has ruled Burma with an iron fist since. In 1990, the military junta attempted to gain legitimacy by holding general elections, but when Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy won the election, they nullified the results, and Suu Kyi was put under house arrest. She never received a fair trial and has spent 13 of the past 19 years under house arrest.

During one of her stints under house arrest in 1999, the Burmese military junta gave her permission to leave Burma so she could see her husband, who was dying of prostate cancer in England, for the last time. But Suu Kyi refused, worried that she would not be able to return to Burma after leaving.

Despite her incarceration, Suu Kyi's efforts for peaceful democracy in Burma have not gone unrecognized. Suu Kyi has in fact become an icon for the oppressed, and has received the support of numerous world leaders. She is widely acknowledged for her work, and multiple governments have protested her house arrest and asked Burmese officials for her release. She earned the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought in 1990 and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991.

Suu Kyi's ongoing trial began May 18. However, President Obama has criticized these proceedings as a "show trial." "The continued detention [and] isolation based spurious charges cast serious doubt on Myanmar," Obama says, using the name the new junta has given Burma.

The Burmese military junta obviously still fears Suu Kyi and the broad support she has from the Burmese citizens. But the regime's history of repressing democracy bodes ill for the outcome of Suu Kyi's trial and for the future of Burma.

SUU KYI AT HOME IN BURMA, WHERE SHE HAS SPENT 13 YEARS UNDER HOUSE ARREST

Global News Tidbits

>>>While Superintendent Lorenzo Garcia was celebrating his district's exemplary state test scores, he high-fived all the school principals. However, when he reached Principal Mary Helen Lechuga, she did not raise her hand. Therefore, he tapped her on the head instead. Lechuga, who swore she felt pain and feared for her life, filed a police complaint. Superintendent Lorenzo Garcia was charged with assault.

>>>Scientists from Japan gave a pair of marmosets a gene which made their feet glow fluorescent green. Surprisingly, the offspring of one of the monkeys inherited the gene—the first time that an added gene has been passed down. Scientific experts claim this unusual occurrence as a milestone, which should make it easier to produce animals with versions of human disease for medical research.

>>>OJ is back again, and this time it is not OJ Simpson—we mean orange juice! On Memorial Day, an Oregon man was jailed for a day after dialing 911 numerous times in order to complain about bad customer service. He claims that a McDonald's worker was impolite and did not give him the orange juice he ordered. 20-year-old Raibin Osman was accused of improper use of the emergency telephone number.

>>>A small five-year-old Russian girl was discovered in a filthy apartment building, emulating the cats and dogs with which she was locked up. Since her detection, the young girl has been placed in state custody as authorities charged her father and other relatives with neglect. Officials say the girl barks like a dog, laps food directly off the plate and seems to have been "raised" by animals.

Forum
I've Loved These Days

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As the school year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the eventful months following last September. Regardless of the way I look at it, the budget cuts in the Boston Public School system are what defines the year for me. At first, it looked as if the outcome would be drastic, but we fought for our education, and little by little, teachers at Boston Latin School and other schools throughout the city were restored. However, we can't ignore the fact that BLS is still losing a fair number of teachers, a number of which includes some of the most influential teachers in the school. As many students are well aware, Mr. Charig is one of those teachers.

For anyone unfamiliar with Mr. Charig, he teaches Repertory Choir, Concert Choir, Fundamentals of Music for grade 7, and Music Theory 1. He is also the director of Chamber Choir and Show Choir, the faculty advisor to the Wolfettes and Wolftones, the musical director of the annual musical, and even teaches voice lessons to students who want a more in-depth vocal experience after school. As a band kid who participates in after-school choruses, in some ways I feel that I've gotten the best of both worlds. I get to participate in some of the most exciting and engaging choirs that the school has to offer, but also get to sit and listen to other incredible groups like Concert Choir. To say that Mr. Charig has transformed the voices of our music department would be a gross understatement, because when I sit in the auditorium on Music Night and listen to performances such as Concert Choir's rendition of "Carry On," or more recently, "Thou Whose Harmony is the Music of the Spheres," and Show Choir's "Lullaby," I get chills down my spine.

Mr. Charig's ability to mold his students' voices into music is measureless, as is his own musical talent. He knows it all, from where to place the perfect swells in the pieces he conducts, to his memorization of the piano accompaniment to every Billy Joel song. As a student in his Music Theory 1 class this year, my friends and I are often humbled to see him describe a style of music and then play the class an example on his grand piano with no music in front of him. He is talented enough to be able to target one topic of music theory with many different methods. Most recently, he successfully taught the complex idea of modal harmonies to juniors and seniors in my Music Theory class, all of whom seemed to have senioritis. How did he manage this? When Mr. Charig teaches, he uses all of his abilities to create different approaches to learning in order to engage the students, despite any reservations to learning they might have. Teaching in a variety of ways also allows him to affect the greatest number of students possible, because different people learn in different ways. Mr. Charig tackles the instruction of his choirs in the same way; in Show Choir, he has been known to demonstrate the routine full on, singing, dancing, and acting (of course, right before jumping back to the piano). When I was a member of Show Choir, I remember him telling us to do things, like think about how the words we were singing made us feel. Because he makes a point to address every aspect of his musical groups individually, he's ultimately able to improve not only the performances, but also the abilities of his students. I attribute most, if not all, of any success I have had as a musician to what he has taught me in music.

ONE OF THE FIRST OF THE CHARIG ANNALS: MOVE YOUR BODY, EVERY EVERY BODY

However, he has not only contributed to his students' musical successes but has also served as a mentor to many, helping students make it through one of the most stressful high schools in the country. I think it's likely that every one of his musical groups has heard at least one of his "Charig speeches," in which he shares his life experiences and we discuss how they relate to our situations today. These discussions also bring out an influential side of Mr. Charig, who is always able to look at both side of an argument, posing what end up being sometimes unanswerable questions. There is little doubt in my mind that I have learned more about myself as both a person and musician from these discussions than I have learned about the material in many of my other classes. Mr. Charig acts as a mentor in many of his interactions with individual students as well. A good friend of mine, Elodie Paquette (II), sometimes brings up the reason she got involved with music at the school: an event that took place in her 7th grade Fundamentals of Music class with Mr. Charig. Mr. Charig asked her to sing something in front of the class, and as a slightly intimidated, self-conscious sixie, she flat-out refused. He pulled her over after class and told her he was worried for her, because if she wouldn't put herself out there for something as small as that, he wondered what important opportunities she might miss out on in the future because of self-conciousness. Paquette describes this as "the moment that just completely changed my life." Thinking back to the way I saw music when I first met Mr. Charig in Fundamentals of Music class, I find it unbelievable how much I, too, have changed, and I know that many of my peers feel the exact same way that Elodie and I do.

It is a bit scary to think of what the BLS music department will be like next year without Mr. Charig. Although I know that the other teachers in the department are going to do their best at keeping all the arts programs running strong, there will undoubtedly be something significant missing from the department. BLS is losing an outstanding director, mentor, and even friend. So if you know Mr. Charig, take a couple minutes over the next month or so to tell him how much you appreciate what he has done for the school, and if you don't know him, take a minute to get to know him before it's too late. You will definitely not regret it. Mr. Charig, you have been there for us since Day One of sixie or B-sie year, and it seems unreal to have to complete our six years without you come September. Best of luck at your new job next year (those students don't know how lucky they will be to have you as a teacher!), and please know that you have changed us so much for the better over the past five years. You will be sorely missed.

Atrocities and Celebrations in Sri Lanka

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On May 17, 2009, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) officially surrendered, ending a nightmarish twenty-five year civil war on the island of Sri Lanka. The following day, the death of Velupillai Prabhakaran, founder and leader of the LTTE, occurred allegedly in the midst of battle. These two events mark the end of an era on the island, but leave many questions unanswered and many problems unresolved.

The issues which led to the Sri Lankan Civil War began during British rule on the island. Opposition against imperial rule led to a peaceful settlement between the British and Sinhala-dominated nationalist parties in 1948, resulting in the island's independence. In drafting a new constitution for the nation, disagreements emerged between the Sinhala majority and the Tamil minority, and with discriminatory practices such as the "Sinhala Only" language policy, Tamil youth began to form militant groups, the most prominent being the LTTE, and waged a violent campaign based mainly on assassinating political figures and policemen.

Finally, in July 1983, a LTTE raid which killed thirteen soldiers led to an organized slaughter by the Sinhalese, leaving between 400 and 3000 Tamil people dead and forcing thousands of others to flee towards the Northern and Eastern parts of Sri Lanka. The LTTE then began to demand an independent Tamil nation (Tamil Eelam), and the war began in earnest.

Fighting has taken many forms during this conflict. The LTTE were the first terrorist group to use suicide bombers, to employ a navy and an air force, as well as to successfully kill a national leader (ex-Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa). However, the LTTE had also built a sound administrative and judicial system in the territory that they controlled. Meanwhile, child soldiers have been used not only by the LTTE but by guerrilla forces aligned with the Sri Lankan Army, such as the Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal (TMVP). Estimates conclude that over 80,000 people have perished in these last twenty-five years, in that figure, including civilians.

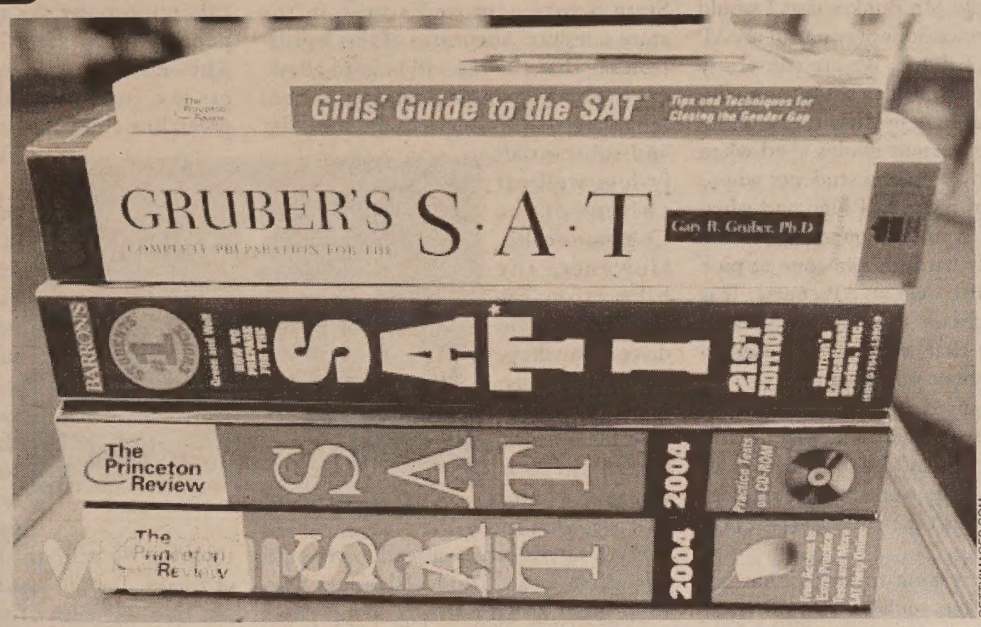
SRI LANKANS CELEBRATING THE DEFEAT OF THE TAMIL TIGERS

With this context outlined, it is time to focus on the recent Sri Lankan military campaign which brought upon the extermination of the LTTE. The fact of the matter is that the Sri Lankan government has consistently brought itself down to the position of its rebel combatants, and the current conflict saw nothing different. Atrocities were committed by both sides, especially upon the thousands of innocent Tamil citizens trapped in the midst of the battlefield. The Sri Lankan government alleges that the Tigers began using civilians as shields, and as much as this might be true to an extent, it can never be proven. Foreign journalists were not allowed into the region, and the only coverage of the events came (in the aftermath of the affair) from state-run media outlets--propaganda in its highest form. Meanwhile, the battlefield and witness accounts seem to indicate the use of heavy artillery to wipe out the LTTE, which of course led to more civilian deaths, and which the United Nations had condemned. The lack of reliable media presence leads to many questions that may never be answered: Did the Sinhala Sri Lankan Army take the opportunity to attack innocent civilians? Did the TMVP (which has yet to be disarmed) participate in the carnage? Did LTTE commander Velupillai Prabhakaran really die in the midst of battle or did he suffer a fate similar to Che Guevara's execution in a Latin American revolution?

Far more important, however, are questions about the future. What will be the fate of these 300,000 Tamil people displaced by the war? Many of them are currently living in barbed-wire displacement camps at the mercy of rapidly spreading diseases, fearing the escape of Tiger fighters. The government has thus far restricted the access of aid to these camps. And with the unconditional surrender of the LTTE, Tamil Eelam no longer seems like an option. A Sinhala-dominated government now has control of the entire nation, but is no longer pressured internally to improve the plight of the Tamil people. If changes to the system are not initiated quickly, it seems very likely that a new generation of rebel fighters, scarred by the latest carnage, will emerge, leading to yet another round of violence and bloodshed.

Forum

Are the SATs Truly Important?



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By Dora Tao, II
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It's June 6th. For many, this is just another normal Saturday. School is almost out and aside from finals, most students don't have anything to worry about. For others, this Saturday holds the key to their kingdoms – the opportunity to prove to colleges that they deserve to attend their institution. But this opportunity does not come easy. These juniors are waking up on June 6th to the SAT.

The SAT is a test that has struck fear into the minds of juniors for many years now. Originally consisting of a Critical Reading and Math section, a Writing section and an essay was recently added in 2005. The SAT is a test that measures one's ability to study and cram for a single event. Despite what some may think, the SAT does not really measure one's inherent intelligence or how much one has learned in their years of high school. In fact, many experts say that the best way to study for the test is to simply do the obvious: to undertake countless practice tests and memorize lists of vocabulary, all for the hope that one will be able to learn how to deal with standardized testing.

It doesn't seem fair that college admissions seriously consider a four-hour test when judging a student's candidacy. Yes, most colleges do look at other aspects of a student like their extracurricular activities, merits, awards, GPA, etc. And yet, when a student enters a test center, the only thought on their mind is how this one test can affect their success in the future.

Why should a mere four-digit score determine our success? Studying for this test takes time and, more importantly, money. Just registering for the test itself can cost a great deal. We pay almost $65 to suffer for a four-hour test that may or may not go well. Test prep classes can cost up to $400 for a few weeks while one-on-one tutoring can run as steep as $80 per hour. For this reason, some reports have claimed that the SAT is designed for more affluent students. It is possible that some students who are unable to afford the costs of the test are only further prevented from attending the colleges of their choice.

More and more universities have begun to agree with this point of view. Institutions such as Middlebury College and Bates College have already started the trend of looking beyond a student's SAT scores. The admission boards rely on school grades and student GPAs instead of a simple four-digit score from a four-hour test. These colleges have realized that there is much more to a student's achievements and aptitude, and it is time that other colleges follow suit.

In the fall of 2008, the National Association for College Counseling released a report stating that several high school counselors agreed that colleges are putting too much emphasis on SAT test scores. Instead, they recommended that colleges analyze subject tests or Advanced Placement tests that exemplify a student's knowledge. These scores are geared more towards specific areas of study in which a student is interested. For example, a student does not sit in English class everyday learning how to analyze a 100-line passage. However, a student does sit in Biology learning the necessary facts for the SAT Biology Subject Test.

For now, there is no avoiding the SAT. All juniors will still have to wake up some Saturday morning and sit in a test center for four hours. But hopefully, in the future, colleges will be able to look past the students who may not come from wealthy backgrounds or students who are not good at standardized test-taking. In the end, the SAT isn't a test that measures how much a student has learned in school, or how one will do in the future. Instead, the SAT has gained a reputation as a test whose sole purpose is to stress students out and decide their fate in college. Who wants to enter a test center knowing that one four-digit number will decide their chances of success in the future? I know I don't.

By Kirsten Hartwick, II
Contributing Writer

SATs: you compare them with your friends; you need them to get into an Ivy League College; you often start thinking about them as early as sophomore year. Juniors freak out about them and during the months of March, May, and June it's all that they talk about. Personally, I took the SATs in March after first taking a SAT prep class and doing all of those boring exercises in a practice book. I didn't do as well as I had hoped, but I'm one of those people whose grades are just stronger than their standardized test scores. As most people know, SATs test your verbal, writing, and math skills. Broken up into these three different sections, they try to test the fundamental subjects that you learn in high school. Recently, a new essay portion has been added to test students' ability to develop and support their own thesis.

However, doing well on this test definitely requires a great deal of concentration. The SAT test is probably the longest test that most juniors have ever taken and it requires a lot of concentration—something that I personally just don't have. After sitting in the same chair for basically four hours straight, my back is sore, I'm hungry, and my head hurts. There are a million other places that I would rather be, but instead, I'm sitting in that room trying not to think about the fact that my score contributes not only to where I go to college, but where I go in life. The high level of concentration necessary to do well on the test could be seen as an unfair factor in one's score, but I think that having the ability to concentrate for four straight hours is an important skill that influences your abilities as a student. I am truly impressed with the students who are not only able to concentrate for four hours but are also able to do extremely well.

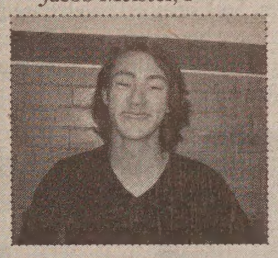
It is also important for students at Boston Latin School to have a way other than GPA to demonstrate their capabilities to colleges. We all know that a 3.0 GPA here at BLS is not equal to a 3.0 at a typical high school. We have higher standards and a bigger workload and often our GPAs are lower because of this. As a college prep school, we also don't offer easy grade boosters like home economics, woodworking, and auto shop. I don't think that it's fair for a 3.0 student at Latin to be considered equivalent a 3.0 student at another high school. The SATs allow the Latin student to prove that they're more qualified to go to a certain school than a student from a regular high school with the same GPA. Comparatively, if you go to a high school that isn't a college prep school, doing well on the SATs still indicates to colleges that you are a good student. Either way, SATs are a way for college admissions to judge students uniformly, as all applicants take the same test.

It's important to remember that SAT scores aren't the only thing that colleges take into account when considering a student's application. Admissions officers look at a wide variety of criteria, including GPA and extracurricular activities, and SAT scores alone will probably not prevent you from being accepted into the college of your choice. I think that one of the reasons that some people are against SATs' part in college admission decisions is the stress over the competition. Since everyone takes the same test, SAT scores are easily comparable and people are naturally going to be competitive. However, just because someone has a 2100 versus your 2000 does not mean that he or she will get into college over you. There are so many factors that contribute to being accepted and the SATs are just another way to evaluate your talent as a student and to allow you to stand out in the plethora of college applications.

Forum Question

Do you think the SATs are an important aspect of the college applicatino process?

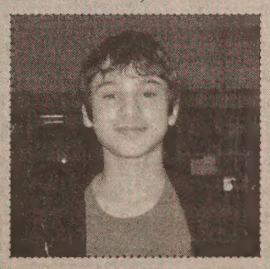
"I don't think the SATs are extremely important because some people are better at taking standardized tests than others."
—Jacob Meister, I



"The SATs should not be very important becuase it only tests how well students are at taking it, instead of their actual intelligence."
—Nick Parker, II

"I think the SATs are important because they give the college an idea of your academic potential and it can only benefit you if you do well on your SATs and have a mediocre GPA."
—Lauren Kelly, III

"I think SATs are important because it is a standardized test and allows everyone to have an equal opportunity."
—Thi Mai Tran, IV



"SATs are important because the people who want to get into a college but have horrible grades can still have a fighting chance."
—Rafael Arrendo, V

"I think SATs are important because they can allow colleges to see your strenths in comparison to other people's."
—Ava Violieh, VI

Where Be My Art, Yo?

By Yaxi Wang, II
Contributing Writer

I had a bad feeling the moment Mr. Bunker walked into my homeroom with a yellow course selection sheet that looked suspiciously like my own. Alas, my fears proved true—my course schedule wasn't working out. I couldn't take art, he told me, and the backups weren't available either. But I could take physics or statistics, he explained.

This bit of news (not being able to take Foundations of Visual Art) had me a bit down for quite a while. I had taken art lessons since I was a toddler and painting was one of my favorite things to do. But upon entering high school, I was forced to prioritize; there was no way that I could fit piano, art, and school into my schedule and dedicate an adequate amount of time to each. So I decided to give up painting for the time being and hoped that I would have the opportunity to pick it up again someday.

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STUDENTS EXPOSED TO ART EARLY ON

Needless to say, I was pretty psyched last year when I found out that an Art Honors course was available to juniors. Finally, I could once again dedicate time to this pursuit every day. Unfortunately, at that moment, the devil incarnate crept up on me—that's right, the conscience of my grade point average (take note, GPAs don't get personified in very many articles). "You have to take APs to boost me up, and besides, you need to take something practical, like AP Bio," it sneered. Sadly, I relented, like so many before me. It was a pitiful moment, but it seemed like a pragmatic thing to do. Who cares if you don't get to do what you love, as long as your GPA is high, and a college wants you?

This year, though, I chose to take Foundations of Visual Art (only because I had no more space for APs), essentially the same dilemma as last year occurred. I could have told Mr. Bunker that I would prioritize Foundations over one of my AP courses. But I didn't. We are constantly reminded of the need to get into an elite college and of how much our future depends on our current grades. And when surrounded by so many students whose GPAs are intimidatingly high and when one-tenth of a point counts, it becomes excruciatingly hard for someone to pick a regular course over an AP course. It is especially difficult for those of us who didn't realize that we were supposed to start caring about school in ninth grade. Even the required courses remind us of the subjects we should prioritize: Math, Science, History, and English. Opting to take Art or Music over a science or English simply doesn't seem like the practical thing to do.

It's depressing to think that art and music have such an insignificant place in our world. Simply consider the budget cuts: which departments did they affect first? The Fine Arts department. I wouldn't argue that knowing how to sketch a portrait is more important than reading Shakespeare, but I do feel that we ought to prioritize art more than we currently do, even in a school like Boston Latin School. We ought to be given more chances to take art and music courses in high school; currently, there are only two art courses offered at our high school. We should have been offered art in ninth and tenth grade. Art may not be as applicable to our lives as English or math, but it has its own offerings, like a new aesthetic perception of the world around us and a newfound appreciation of something beautiful. Okay, I sound a little too sentimental there, but my point is that art is important, and seriously, can you imagine a world without art? A world in which people care only about what's pragmatic and never take a moment to think about anything other than getting ahead (although I probably shouldn't be talking...)? It's a scary thought, I know.

Taxachusetts

By Eshe Shirley, III
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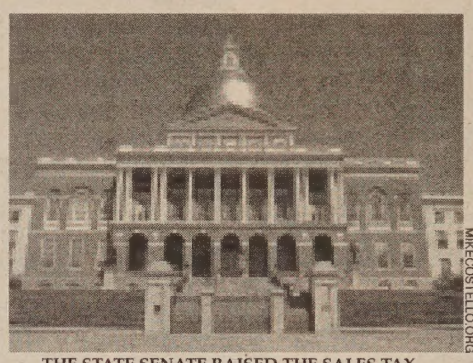
Last Monday, the Massachusetts State Senate approved a raise in the state sales tax. Advocates of this legislation say that the tax will help to alleviate the budget shortfall and help avoid more deep cuts in services for the older and substantially less well-off citizens of the Commonwealth. However, the hike from 5% to 6.25% would drive many shoppers from Massachusetts into New Hampshire, where there is no sales tax (not that we don't buy everything over there already). It would also drive away Rhode Islanders who shop in Massachusetts to avoid their 7% sales tax back home. As a student looking for a summer job, on some level I support this tax, as some of the money earned from the tax hike will go toward summer jobs for teens. For everyone who registered with the Boston Hopeline, this is very good for you, since about four million dollars are going to that specific project.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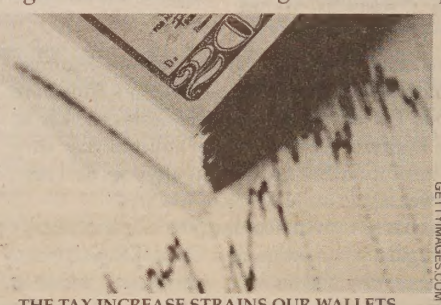
THE STATE SENATE RAISED THE SALES TAX

However, there are better ways to tax Massachusetts's citizens and balance the budget. Speaking of New Hampshire, why doesn't Massachusetts tax them? Every time that a Massachusetts citizen crosses the New Hampshire border, they have to pay a tax. Why don't New Hampshire citizens have to pay a tax? Why not tax people coming into Massachusetts from New Hampshire? Taxes should be a two way street.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THE TAX INCREASE STRAINS OUR WALLETS

We could also tax gasoline. Of course, we wouldn't want to tax gas as heavily as we tax sales. That would hurt us too much. But supporters of this philosophy say that it will force people to "go green" and ride the T. This alone pits me against a possible gas tax, considering that the T (cough green line cough) is becoming a Boston Fung Wah.

Another measure that I'm sure you're all broken up about is the taxation of liquor, which was not formerly taxed. Being way under the legal age myself and therefore not able to buy liquor, I'm not affected by the tax, but it's going to bring 80 million dollars to Massachusetts. People against this measure say that, because of the economy, the working citizens of Massachusetts will want to kick back and relax at the end of the day with a nice cold beer. Be that as it may, I'm sure that those same people would also like there to be government-sponsored services available when certain diseases start spreading... In the words of Senator Steven C. Tolman, "When we have an addict, we'll have a bed for them; this money will help us put these beds on line."

All in all, the Senate has managed to make a pretty decent decision (I know, shocking) and has raised over 600 million dollars to help balance the state budget. Some would argue that there are more effective and fairer ways to impose taxes to balance our struggling budget, but I'm just glad it's not a more extensive tax increase.

What Can I Do About the Darfur Genocide?

By Alena Wolflink, I
Contributing Writer

If United States planes had flown over Auschwitz in 1944 and simply dropped bags of rice, it would have been deemed an entirely inappropriate response to genocide. Humanitarian aid is lifesaving and crucial, but it is not the solution to massive, systematic killings. Why, then, are we responding to the genocide in Darfur by donating food and water? That's the question that Mark Hanis and his friends asked before they spent their final year in college creating the Genocide Intervention Network. GI-Net is a non-governmental organization that funds African Union troops, providing direct civilian protection on the ground. Our government, however, still has done nothing but give humanitarian aid.

The genocide in Darfur has been going on since 2003. The Sudanese president pays Arab horsemen, known as the Janjaweed militia, to burn and pillage Darfurian villages, forcing the people to flee to refugee camps on the Chad border. Our own government's response has only been to make sure that those refugee camps are relatively well-supplied. Of course, now that the sixteen major foreign aid groups have been expelled from the country, United States policy in Darfur has been limited to simply looking into the problem. Right now, the recently appointed special envoy to Sudan, Scott Gration, is doing more research on the crisis. In essence, we are stalling. Fortunately, there are several concrete steps that can be taken by everyone to ensure that this does not stay the case. It is absolutely imperative that we make sure President Obama upholds his promise to end the genocide as quickly as possible.

Of course, this does not mean that the United States should intervene militarily, as the possible consequences of such actions could very well surpass even those of what's happening now. But there are still numerous things we can do. We can establish a no-fly zone over Darfur to stop Janjaweed planes from bombing Darfurian villages. We can pressure the Sudanese president, Omar al-Bashir, to end the genocide. The Sudanese government has a track record of responding very well to American pressure. Our government can also pressure China, Sudan's main economic partner, to condemn the Sudanese government's acts of genocide. The Obama administration has shown that it's capable of and willing to do all of these actions and more, but without political will, nothing is ever done on Capitol Hill. Our government needs people to write letters and make phone calls saying that they will not allow another genocide to be perpetrated on their watch. In the movie *Hotel Rwanda,* a newspaper reporter says she believes Americans will see the genocide going on in Rwanda, say, "Oh, that's terrible!" and then go back to their dinners. Before you go back to your dinner, make a quick call to 1-800-GENOCIDE and follow the instructions and talking points to lobby your congressman, senator, or the white house. You can also text Hillary Clinton at 90822 as many times as you want.

In addition, there are several simple steps that can and should be taken to end the genocide, as explained and outlined by John Prendergast and Don Cheadle in their guide to taking action, *Not on Our Watch: The Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond.*

Raise Awareness. Stay informed, and inform others, about what's going on in Darfur. This includes staying informed by reading updates on sites by organizations such as the Save Darfur Coalition, GI-Net, the Enough Project, Physicians for Human Rights, STAND, and newspapers.

Raise Funds. Although the humanitarian aid groups have been kicked out of the country, civilian protection programs are still working very well. $2.56 lets a woman use a donkey for a week so she can safely avoid attacks when she rides into the forest outside her refugee camp to collect firewood.

Write a letter. All of the organizations listed above have easy ways to write to politicians or friends about the ongoing crisis. There are plenty of petitions and form letters you can sign, but writing your own letter is always best.

Call for divestment. The major shares in oil companies in Sudan are held by countries such as China and Saudi Arabia, but many companies and schools in the United States are invested in the genocide as well. The state of Massachusetts is divested, though the city of Boston is not. Email the Sudan Divestment Task Force and they'll send you a petition calling for Boston Divestment.

Join an organization. There are numerous student organizations, but congregations and community groups can be equally effective.

Lobby the government. The government needs to know that their people care about the genocide in Darfur. Email, write, fax, call, or go to a rally. Do anything you can to let them know that you think Darfur should be a priority.

There are so many easy, quick ways to make an impact that could save lives, so put down the *Argo* and start taking action!

A&E

Wake Up to Spring

By Leisa Loan, III
Contributing Writer

Spring Awakening ended its month-long run at the Colonial Theatre on May 24, but it definitely left a lasting impression on anyone who saw it. The musical deservedly won eight Tony awards last year. Set in the strict society of late 19th century Germany, *Spring Awakening* explores themes of love, loss, and adulthood. The characters' growth is an experience in itself: without proper guidance, they are forced to face life alone. The only acceptable role model in this play seems to be Melchior Gabor (Kyle Riabko), the protagonist, and it is left to him to share his knowledge with the other teenagers. Melchior "tells it like it is" and never shys away from risky topics; it is this brutal honesty and uncertainty about the tribulations of maturing that makes *Spring Awakening* so poignant.

What also makes *Spring Awakening* so appealing is, quite frankly, the music. The strict society of the play is paralleled by a rock score, which makes the situations more relatable to the general audience. The rock songs, especially the infamous "Totally F*****" of Act II, are clearly favorites of the audience, as there was actually an extended applause in the middle of the show after this song. It is clear that cast and audience alike can feel the energy behind these songs, especially given the extended applause once each song ended. Slower and sweeter songs, however, such as the show opener "Mama Who Bore Me" and "Whispering," contrast this rock-concert vibe. These songs set the emotion of the show and remind the audience of the moving power that is being told. Though the show has its ups and downs (including the ability to make the audience laugh and cry in one swoop), the cast conveys these emotions consistently throughout the songs. The cast members, all in their twenties or younger, make the story even more believable because they are able to relate to the issues of their characters.

Although the music is powerful and energetic, the show would be nothing without the actors that bring it to life. Christy Altomare perfectly played the intensely curious Wendla, the female lead. Her curiosity, however, is off-set by her character's confidence and knowledgeable love interest, Melchior. Riabko's intensity and passion for this role drives most of the emotional extremes in the show, and his song, "Left Behind," in Act II brought several people to tears. Riabko's talent really came through during the final scene; the song, "Those You've Known," seemed to be one of the most convincing and heart-wrenching performances I have ever seen live. Quite frankly, these two actors set the bar for the rest of the cast and maintained a steady pace throughout. Another actor to whom credit is due is Blake Bashoff, who played the confused and tragically tormented Moritz. His song "Don't Do Sadness/Blue Wind", which he sang with co-star Steffi D, as the character Ilse, created one of the most commanding moments in the show. Steffi D's soulful voice and moving performance stood out to me as one of the best aspects of the show, despite her small role. All of the actors clearly worked hard to deliver this flawless performance to the audience.

Aesthetically, *Spring Awakening* was also a very compelling stage production. The lighting included a variety of colors and effects that enhanced many of the emotional scenes. Lights helped to change the mood between sets, as the star-like lights did in the song, "Mirror Blue Night." The choreography was also a visually appealing aspect of *Spring Awakening*. During the few moments when the choreography was particularly structured, the dance movements were sharp and synchronized, which fit the theme of the show. Overall, the staging was very appropriate, and special features, such as a moving stage and a fog machine, were artfully used. The fact that there was only one set on which they changed scenes really made the audience focus more on the storyline rather than on an ostentatious background.

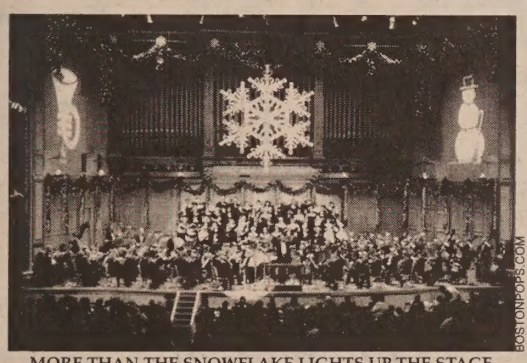
This play is unpredictable because of the boundaries it crosses. When waiting in line for tickets, I heard several stories about how people walked out in the middle of the show because they were shocked or offended by the content. The fact is that *Spring Awakening* depicts life from the perspective of teenagers, and the unrelenting honesty may come off as reprehensible to some people. When you watch the show, however, and realize that a certain level of controversy is needed to get the message across, then you will see that there is nothing offensive or inappropriate. *Spring Awakening*'s modern score and raw emotion has drawn in even the most ardent of musical theatre haters.

The show definitely leaves an impact. *Spring Awakening*, like growing up, is something that you have to experience for yourself. The final song, "The Song of Purple Summer," concludes the show on a bittersweet note, summing up the sentiment of the entire musical and the challenges that come with adolescence.

Gotta Have My Pops

By Andy Vo, III
A&E Editor

40. 14. 4. This is just how close it gets when participating in the Fidelity FutureStage competition: 40 musical groups auditioned for a chance to play onstage at the May 20 Boston Pops concert and rehearse with Keith Lockhart, the conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra since 1995. 40 groups eventually became 14, and 14 became four. These groups were dubbed the "grand prize winners," and it is no question that Boston Latin School has something to be proud of. Two of the four grand prize winners featured BLS students: Chris Middleton (II) won as a soloist, and the unofficially titled "Grieg Quartet," consisting of Tadesh Inagaki (II), B. Kim (IV), Allyn McCourt (II), and Chris Nguyen (II), was honored with a win as well. The quartet is playing the first movement of the Grieg Quartet op. 27 in G minor, while Chris Middleton is playing an original piece about lost love titled "Can't Be Gone."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MORE THAN THE SNOWFLAKE LIGHTS UP THE STAGE

The groups went through two nerve-wracking rounds, auditioning along side "Underground Trio," from Boston Arts Academy, and AnJalique Perry, from Roland Hayes School of Music. The first round of auditions required each group to send a video or recording of their piece, and the second, held in Symphony Hall, required each group to perform their piece live in front of seven or eight judges. In the end, their hard work paid off, and a group of four people, wearing Fidelity First Night T-shirts, came to BLS, interrupting orchestra and senior band rehearsals with a bouquet of balloons in hand.

The May 20 Boston Pops concert is a tribute to the late Harry Ellis Dickson, a musical icon from Boston, who was named Assistant Conductor of the Pops in 1958 and Associate Conductor in 1980. The concert honors his legacy of promoting the growth of young classical musicians, since he was also the founder of the Boston Symphony's current Youth Concert series in 1959. As one of the young classical musicians selected for promotion, Kim says, "I'm just so thrilled to be able to play at such a concert with my quartet at one of the most famous concert halls in the world with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops." Indeed, the Boston Pops has a very long history of excellent conductors, and one of the best parts of the prize seems to be just that: playing under the direction of the conductor himself. Middleton adds onto this notion, saying, "The best part is definitely the chance to play for so many influential people, and to work with so many talented musicians. It's both a learning opportunity and an opportunity to go somewhere [with my music career]."

As people, the winners should feel honored to have won the first ever Fidelity FutureStage Competition. But as musicians, they should feel exceptionally accomplished. The prize itself is not anything material; rather, it is an experience, as well as a privilege, to rehearse with world-renowned Keith Lockhart and to play in front of a live audience at such an early age. Nguyen, the cellist of the group, says, "Personally, I have been doubting my experience and skills as a cellist this year. But winning this competition has helped me gain a lot of confidence in playing, and definitely told me that I can [play well] and that I have much potential." Though Nguyen may not have musical aspirations as a career, this illustrious competition has shown that he has true talent. Confidence is never easily attainable. These students have had to work for a goal that many would consider unrealistic: an opportunity, a sense of satisfaction, a dream. But this time, it has paid off.

Not So *Glee*ful

By Amber Cranston, I
Contributing Writer

I do not know what it is about FOX, but it seems entirely too desperate to try to please EVERYONE with every show. One night, the network will appease the gruff, gun-toting 18 to 49-year-old men; the next night, it will target the teenagers who are desperately trying to be ghetto with a fresh hebdomadal show. *Glee*, unfortunately, is yet another attempt to capture a demographic (most likely the *High School Musical* crowd), but it does a pretty good job.

The pilot episode was not bad, so do not misconstrue what I am about to write. The show is just a hot mess. There are so many storylines that it is hard to keep up with the plot. It is difficult to figure out the most important character. Firstly, there is the unhappily married teacher, Will Schuester (Matthew Morrison), who decides to take up the abandoned glee club at his school. Then, we have Rachel Berry (Lea Michele), who puts a gold star after her name every time she signs it (it is a metaphor). With that, we have just captured all of the progressive-thinking, wannabe stars, ages 12 to17.

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REACH FOR THE STARS, JUST DON'T FALL DOWN.

And now, we come to the male heartthrob, who is literally copied and pasted from *High School Musical* and differs only in choice of sport. Finn Hudson (Cory Monteith) is the star football player for his school, with a hidden desire to sing—though, not at first. This detail is how the show earns some merits: Schuester blackmails Finn into joining the glee club by planting marijuana in his locker. It is funny until Finn actually comes to enjoy the supposedly lame glee club, and is ostracized by his friends.

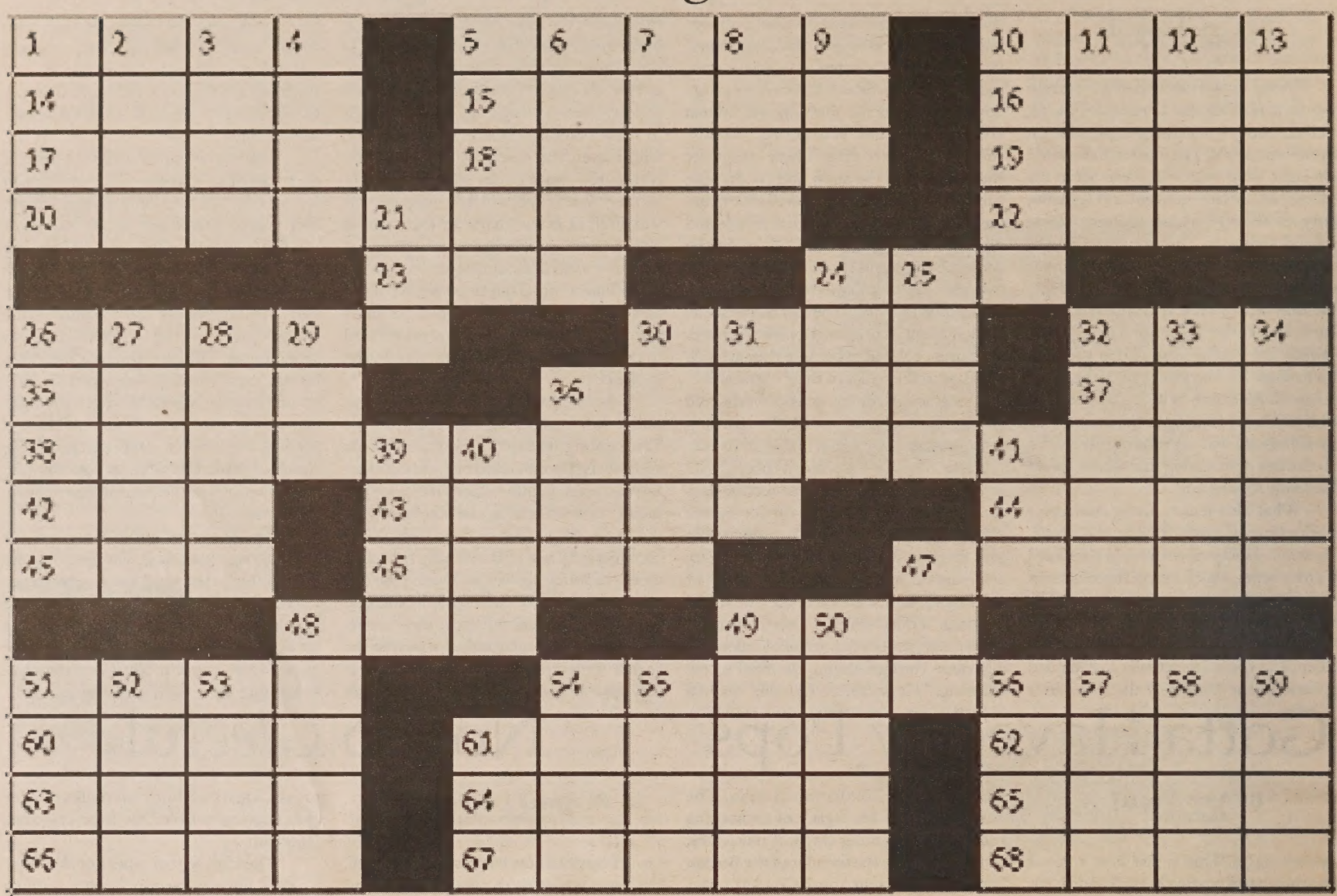
Thereafter, the show follows the generic storyline and the premise of *High School Musical* takes over. What is the show's cliffhanger? In the end, Finn decides to participate in both football and glee club, leaving conflict for later episodes. Good job.

The high school aspect of this show is a dead horse so beaten that it is nothing more than a pile of mush. But *Glee* does bring something new to the table: an adult character at the forefront and the hilarious home life of Schuester. Schuester is married to his highschool sweetheart, Terri (Jessalyn Gilsig), and seems to regret it every day. Terri's idea of fun is a Wednesday puzzle night, and she also has a sick infatuation with Pottery Barn, although she knows they cannot afford it. She tries to pressure Schuester to quit teaching, which he loves, and become an accountant when she learns that she is expecting a child. Schuester almost buckles under the pressure, but his co-worker, Emma Pillsbury (Jayma Mays), a hilarious germaphobe, convinces him otherwise. This is the part of the show that I like the most: the chemistry between these two characters. Though it might raise some concerns with parents who do not like the idea of breaking up a marriage, this relationship has the most potential and the most creativity. Writers shape scenes around Pillsbury's germaphobic tendencies, creating a perfect relationship between the two characters just waiting to work. It is a situation just like the show: both are just waiting to work, but really, they can go either way.

I guess this show has deserved a lot of the hype it has received. As I said before, it is not bad, it is just...not original. But then again, since television has been around for a while, maybe I should stop hoping for "something more." I do not really have much faith in it as an everlasting show, such as *The Simpsons* or *24*, but it will probably produce a few good seasons. Let's just hope they do not try to add any vampires—as if that would be new...

Fun Page

The Official *Argo* Crossword



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15.Obama "buddy" Bill
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19.Fitzgerald or Enchanted
20.House of gas? (2 words)
22.Nifty
23.Jail, slangily
24.Senator Kennedy
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30.Prefix to mean trillion
32.Tic twin
35.Not far
36.Shark killers
37.Nigerian river
38.Fuel for youth? (2 words)
42.Tolkein creature
43.Boxborough brother
44.Jeanmaker Strauss
45.Golfing tool
46.Corporate leaders
47.Resource
48.Sunset hue
49.Crow noise
51.News Editor Jonas-Silver
54.Oily trick? (2 words)
60.Snicket antagonist
61.Restroom fixture
62.Longoria or Rachel Wood
63.Ernie's BFF
64.Taqueria item
65.Pharell's band
66.Japanese currency, to mouses and gooses
67.Pop. Collegeboard course (2 words)
68.Dos follower

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1.Director Egoyan
2.Habilis, or Sapien
3.Saudi, perhaps
4.Good guys, to Brutus
5.French production company
6.Keep an __ __ the ball
7.Fabric line
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9.BLS weekend tutoring (abbrv.)
10.Use up
11."king of Football"
12.Fizzy beverage
13.Bio class
21.Albums
24.Common Vietnamese surname
25.Slide gently
26.Metal bar
27.John, of tractor fame
28.Bass for *NSYNC
29.Before, to Shakespeare
30.Most jazz groups
31.Nobel prz. field
32.Gas, meals, sales
33.Superior to
34.Shut up (2 words)
36.Springfield bus driver
39.Foot, drag, electoral
40.Served well (tennis)
41.Big ones
47.Cobbler's tool
48.Desert island transports
49.String instrument, lo pietro
50.Give a certain amount
51.Richard Melville Hall
52.At, on, or to the leeward side
53.String alternative
54.Octagonal sign
55.Building, to a college
56.Classy dude
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61.Massage locale

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Congratulations to the graduates of Class of 2009!

You have come a long way. Good luck as you embark on your college career!

Anne Yount and the Staff at Boston Tutoring Center

Farewells

President Shu Yi Zhou

This is *definitely* the appropriate time and place to pour out my darkest secrets, so here we go: I'm finally proud to say that I live in Southie and Hyde Park, though I bet you'd never guess it from looking at me. I've definitely spent more hours at Boston Latin School than I've spent home, and I wouldn't have had it any other way. My dad still thinks that school starts at 7 in the morning and ends at about 5 at night. There was a short period of time when I was younger when I approved of Bush, but actually watching the news changed that. For the longest time, I thought that Babe Ruth was black, but I have no idea why. On weekends, I catch up on all my TV shows and watch them straight in succession...all by myself. On vacations, I usually sleep 21 hours a day and only wake up to eat and take a bath.

It's kind of sad to admit that the only steady relationships I've had at this point are with this school and the Class of 2009. And we've known that the end has been coming for a while now! When I was younger, I thought I'd be playing that "Graduation" song by Vitamin C in my head right about now. The truth is, my brain is fried and I can barely remember my last name, so I don't think I can even go through the blur of all the times we've had together. There have been far too many. BUT, all year, I've been thinking of the same song by Boyz II Men: "Although we've come to the end of the road, still I can't let you go." I think that they were talking about a woman, but I'd like to talk more about the road. Yes, divine '09, the road we've traveled closely resembles one that we'd find it Boston. It certainly wasn't a smoothly paved expressway to success, but a roughly forged path with unexpected twists and sometimes, even nasty potholes.

And I'm sure that all the other farewells have great life messages to pass onto younger classmen, so I think I'll just take my sweet time here thanking people, because there are too many to count. Especially teachers, because they've been my family away from home. Ms. Nabbefeld: for everything. Literally, everything. Ms. Powell: for believing in me when I didn't believe in myself. Ms. Cousens: for teaching me confidence and how to get a grip. Montague, Moylan, Wong: for all the advice even though I was never officially assigned to you. Pagos: for making my Christmas a living hell writing college essays but making it all worth the while. Neary: I know you don't hate me, or us, and I hope your cat lives forever. Thank you. Liu: best English class ever. Trainor: for letting me have picnics in your class. Gauthier: for being the most underrated bio teacher. Take her class if you can! LMT: for making time to meet with us senior class officers. Flynn: for the tea. Lewis: for your sense of humor and support. Montes and McCoy: for not writing me up. Mrs. Davis makes me swoon every time I dance with her. Dr. Carrolls: for the random 1) life advice and 2) language jokes. Officer Manny: for calling me Madam President every day, without fail.

Most importantly, I'd like to thank you, Class of '09! 2010, you have big shoes to fill. From OUR class, I've made some great friends. You know who you are, but I'd especially like to thank the unexpected ones, like Mikayla, Kathryn, Maia, Gabi, and Amber. Kevin, Julie, and Moses, for being the best class officers ever and even better friends. Bonnie and Melissa for showing me the best pizza place ever. Oh yeah, underclassmen! Go to Penguin Pizza before you die!

'09, I don't think my relationship with you, and with this school, will end after all. It's not always easy, and at times it's been frustrating and I may not always like you, but that's love, and you've taught me that it never dies. Best of luck! I love you.

Vice President Kevin Chin

Now that we're here at the end of our time at Boston Latin, I thought I would be ecstatic to be finally done. It's kind of surreal, actually. Not that I'm not glad we are here, but look how far we have come over these past four to six years. While I'm glad to be moving on with life, I can't help but be a little saddened. We began as sixies and Bzies, embarking on a new journey into high school and now we're starting a new chapter of our lives as we move on to college, wherever that may be. We have met many new people and have made countless friends, even with some people we never would have imagined we could be. Many friends have become closer and new bonds have continued to form, continuing through this year. I am looking forward to the future and whatever it may entail, and I'm sure most of you are as well.

Our time here has come with its fair share of drama and stress, especially this year. Regardless, we have recovered from these bumps in the road and are ready to move on with our lives. We've spent countless late nights toiling over work that at times has felt quite unnecessary. But after all the heartache, headaches and sleep deprivation, I know I'm going to miss this place that we have called home for these past years (not the work, though). Despite the tough times, we know this school, and it's pretty much all we have ever known. This is where are friends are and this is where our lives have been, at least a large part of it.

I know many of you may say that you won't miss BLS, and maybe you aren't lying. But I know I will, because high school is one of the most memorable times of our lives, and it is something I will never forget. Whether it's the hilarious "demonstrations" in Dr. Neary's class or Mike Mello diving on the bleachers for candy, I know you all remember that these have been some of the greatest times of our lives. It's the people that make the school, not some test scores or grades. I don't know about you guys, but I couldn't imagine a better group of people to have spent the last six years with. We are what has made BLS great.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all my friends, without whom I would never have survived these past few years. Whether we've talked only briefly, or you know me better than I know myself, you will all have a place in my heart forever. Mushy, I know, but I love my friends, and I know you love yours, too. They are what get us through the day, and unfortunately, some you I may never see again. So farewell, Class of 2009; it has been my honor to serve as your Vice President. I'm going to miss you guys and I wish you the best of luck with the rest of your lives. '09 BABY! IT'S ALL OVER! See you in five years at the reunion.

Treasurer Moses Tran

"Be a man, do the right thing!" No, those are not the wise words of Russell Peters, but the wise words of my grandfather. My grandfather is both my inspiration and my reason to move onto college because he has taught me many important things about life. I now hope to teach you about the important things that I've learned during my lifetime here at Boston Latin. First and foremost, keep your friends close to you. The friends that you make now will be with you for the rest of your life, and they will save you when you need it most. Believe me, my friends have saved me from the wrath of Akeson and administrators countless times. Next, no one is smarter than anyone else. The only thing that separates you from everyone else in terms of grades is your drive, motivation and effort. The greater the effort that you put into your work, the greater the yield you will reap. If you want to reap a larger yield, put more time and effort into your work. Lastly, find a reason to drive your work. My reason is my grandfather, who passed away due to cancer a few months ago. I work everyday, in the hopes that one day I will become a doctor who can save people from cancer, because I believe that to be spared from the pains of cancer is the greatest gift that I can give to others, which I couldn't receive myself. Take whatever you want from those words, fellow underclassmen, just remember that you can be successful in whatever you choose to be. And remember that Moses told you that.

So here we are, seniors, at the end of the race; a race that has lasted six years for most of us, four years for others because they cheated, and maybe seven for those who like to take their time. George Bush would be proud of us because there were no children left behind, for we are now all men and women. The memory that I will remember most and treasure most is be my memory of you guys; I appreciate each and every one of you. I love your stupidity, smiles, generosity, and personalities; to the parents: I love your daughters, and I hate your sons.

Remember this moment, seniors, for we will never return to this moment ever again. We will never be sixies, fivsies, freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors. We will never perform in another winter or spring concert, or have another assembly. We will never be in tardy detention nor sit in the dining hall in the morning, or ask for a hallway pass. We will never bring in toilet paper since the school doesn't provide any. We will never BS at BLS and we will never be able to wander the great halls of BLS ever again, and I will truly miss these things, except for the bringing of toilet paper. And it's funny when I think about it, because you work so hard, you do everything you can to get away from a place, and when you finally get your chance to leave, you find a reason to stay.

This is the end of the chapter, but this is also the beginning of a new chapter. How you choose to start the next chapter, and how you choose to end it is up to you, but I have no doubts in my mind that all of you can succeed in whatever you choose to do and put your mind to. So here's to the Class of 2009!

Farewells

Valedictorian Yukun Li

It's finally over. Four long years of high school have come to an end. The weird thing is, even though I had been anticipating the last day of senior year since the first day of freshman year, the end came quite abruptly. So abruptly, in fact, that I can hardly believe any of this is actually happening. I think I must have grown so accustomed to the actual wait for graduation that I was unprepared for when it actually finally came.

Well, despite everything, it has come, and I find myself, at least by GPA, as the "smartest" kid in the grade, the big "V" word. Sure, everyone knows that it means I get really good grades and stuff, but what does it really say about me? That I'm intellectually superior to everyone else? Not really, considering that the difference between the top students was less than a fraction of a tenth of a point. So then does it mean that all I do is study hard every single day? No, that doesn't sound right either, since people who know me know that studying is far from being my number one hobby. Am I just a total genius? No way. My classmates can attest the extremely obvious or just plain dumb questions that I often ask. Here's what I think being valedictorian says about me.

I'm just really lucky.

But hold on. By no means do I mean that I get good grades without trying. I mean, of course I study and work hard when I need to. I've spent way more of my time than I would have liked on schoolwork. And yes, I have had to finish that research paper in the wee hours of the morning despite it having been assigned two months beforehand. But most, if not all students have had these experiences. I guess what I'm trying to say is that I did work extremely hard at BLS like many others have, but I just lucked out on some small things. I might have just ended up in an easy class, or guessed right on a final exam, or just lucked out and solved that extra credit problem. In short, these things were not influenced by my hard work.

So my humble advice to you? Always do your best, struggle to succeed, but above all, know when to stop and do not burn yourself out. After you have done your best and tried your hardest, there is nothing more you can do. Know when that time comes and when it does, just go with the natural flow of things. Don't hurt yourself trying to do something extreme when you know it can't affect anything anymore. When I had my anxiety attacks while waiting for college admission decisions, the eloquent Ms. Sylvester told me this: "Look at it this way. You've put your best foot forward already, so just relax. It's out of your hands now." Even though they did little to reassure me at the time, I now realize the wisdom behind these words. I hope you will consider them too.

Finally to wrap this thing up, I want to mention a few people who, even more so than luck, have been crucial to my success and happiness. Without my parents' constant support, I would have crashed and burned somewhere along the way, so thank you so much. As for everyone else, without you, these four years wouldn't have even come close to being enjoyable. So thank you to everyone in homeroom 132 for (almost) always being there in the mornings, to the undefeated varsity volleyball team for being like a second family to me, to everyone from Baha '09 (Sandyport and Guanahani) for the best spring break I've ever had, to Chenglin, for giving awesome advice (most of the time), to Chris for living in a house symmetrical to mine, and to Fish for just always being there. And to all the people I didn't name here: you know who you are. I wouldn't have been able to make it this far without you.

And so to the Class of 2009, as well as the little ones who cannot leave yet, I wish you all the best of luck.

Salutatorian Hannah Mogul-Adlin

Boston Latin School. It's been an interesting six years we've had together.

A few weeks ago, I got a letter from the most honorable Mayor Thomas M. Menino, inviting me to an award ceremony to be recognized for my exceptional school spirit. Not just any school spirit, but exceptional school spirit. Anybody who knows me at all is aware that this is blatantly false. I was rejected from the National Honors Society for my lack of service to the school. I've always resisted the school's rules and traditions, and for quite a chunk of my BLS experience, avoided the color purple like the plague. My mom burst out laughing when she saw the letter and then quite seriously suggested that I refuse the prize.

But I've been walking through the halls of BLS, realizing that I will only be seeing them as a high school student for a few more days (whenever those few more days happen to be- thanks, swine flu). I realized that as I've spent a third of my life—a pretty good third—confined to these halls, I do have a lot to be grateful to BLS for. But, let's not get mushy here; there's plenty that needs to be changed before the BLSA sees a dime of my soon-to-be-earned millions. If "dissent is the highest form of patriotism," as Thomas Jefferson may or may not have said, then maybe criticism is the highest form of school spirit? I'll take my award, thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Speaking of thank yous, there are tons I have to give. And speaking of dissent, Ms. Arnold deserves all the credit for igniting my latent spirit of rebellion and honing my critical thinking skills to a razor-sharp point, all at the tender young age of 13. And of course, for building an entire movement through sheer force of will, like only someone fabulously insane can. Thank you to Ms. Bateman for nurturing and channeling my love of science, and for being hilarious. Thank you to Mr. Akeson, for having a heart of gold buried under a sadistic love of terrorizing freshmen who walk the halls passless. Thank you, Ms. Moon, for being the reason that the BTU's seniority rule is ridiculous, and thank you, Ms. Davis, for being probably the only person in the world with enough attitude to teach a bunch of uncoordinated nerds how to ballroom dance (not that I would count myself among those—uncoordinated, at least). Thank you, Officer Manny, for being my personal cheerleader and Spanish tutor, thank you, Ms. Sylvester and Mr. Montague, for being there for whenever and whatever I needed, and thank you, Ms. Freeman, for ensuring that this article is free of ethnic jokes (even though it was hard). Thank you to the crazy people (you know who you are) who kept a running record of GPAs in little notebooks. Without you, I would have no idea that I was salutatorian.

And 09. Oh so fine. Forever to be remembered as the class of vampires and swine flu, we've at least come a long way from massive fights at Clemente every other week and "gang" symbols scrawled on lockers. Yeah, that was classy. But whatever our shortcomings, the important thing is that I can travel from C-town down to JP, from Dorchester to Westie, and in every corner of Boston find some of the most amazing, intelligent, and talented people in existence. People who think interpretive dance is the best way to present a math project, people who cure cancer with Indian food, people who know every president of the United States by number, people who teach themselves an entire language over the summer, people who write obscene stream of consciousness songs on a regular basis. That's BLS '09, and that's the reason that in the internal battle between love and hate, Schola Latina Bostoniensis falls solidly towards love. Thank you, BLS.

Secretary Julie Pokaski

Looking back on my last day of school, I think it probably had to be one of the biggest letdowns of my Boston Latin career. Our senior assembly ended on a bad note, I spent pretty much all day sitting in Mr. Keitt's office sorting prom contracts, and, when I finally went to our senior picnic at the beginning of seventh period, I go downstairs to see more than half of the seniors had already gone home and the rest being ushered out of the school.

As I trudged back to Mr. Keitt's, some last-minute prom money in hand, I wasn't too upset by the whole thing. But then I went to crew and it was just a normal practice, even though it was the seniors' last practice with the whole team. I came home grouchy, angry that my last day of high school and my last day with the crew team hadn't gone the way I planned.

Thinking back on it now though, I really shouldn't be complaining. Yeah, it would have been nice to have my last day filled with a little bit more chants and cheers (especially at that 2:15 bell), but what's one day in comparison to six years of memories? From those first days in homeroom, reading my agenda book cover-to-cover for those painfully slow 2 hours because I didn't know a single soul in my homeroom, to having to run around on the last days of school because there were so many people I had to get my senior picture to before the week was over, I wouldn't pass up a single moment in between, for better or for worse.

Honestly, I sometimes think that those worse moments were what made BLS worth those six (or four) years of an uphill climb. I've learned how to deal with impatient teachers, what it's truly like to struggle with classroom material, and most importantly, balancing how to not take bad grades so hard with still caring about schoolwork. And, at the end of the day, I still know that for every bad moment I had, there are at least three more memories of hanging out at the Galleria, going to the movies on Fridays, or just goofing off with friends.

I have to say, one of the weirdest things about graduating has to be the thought that soon, BLS is just going to be a memory. It's been such a part of our everyday life for the past six years that it's hard to imagine it being a part of the past. I know some people won't remember BLS fondly, but I really hope that most people remember Boston Latin like I do – laughing at how funny people looked in the eighth grade (I still regret that haircut), how all the good teachers were worth dealing with the not-so-great ones, but most importantly, knowing that how no matter how hard you fell, there was always at least one person in the building, be it a counselor, teacher, or friend, to pick you right back up from that fall.

Through being in plays, in Chorus, on the crew team, and being a class officer, I like to think that I've experienced a lot of the good things Latin has to offer. It's the people who I spent my six years with, however, that I think really shaped my time here – whether we were best friends or just bonded over having a certain teacher together. To my classmates, a big thanks for letting me be your secretary this year! I hope I've served you well. Have fun with what you're doing next year and I hope everyone finds their niche. Thanks to my family and my friends for being there for me no matter what. I wish everyone the best of luck, and never forget '09.

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Abdussbur, Ibrahim	MIT
Afable, Kevin	Drexel U
Albala, Lorenzo	Drexel U
Alvarez, Maricella	Anna Maria C
Amaro, Elyvette	U Mass Boston
Anastasia, Amanda	Washington C
Anderson, Lauren	U Mass Amherst
Anfuso, Justin	Wentworth Inst Tech
Arsem-O'Malley, Queen	McGill U
Bakolas, Dimitrios	MCPHS
Banci, Rachel	U San Diego
Bannon, Patrick	U Mass Lowell
Barakat, Hamid	American U of Beirut
Barry, Joseph	U Mass Amherst
Bernazzani, Paul	Stonehill C
Beskrowni, Kathryn	U Mass Amherst
Bilodeau, Gerald	Boston C
Bishop, Gabriela	Roger Williams U
Bolivar, Jennifer	U Mass Amherst
Boone, Harrison	Boston C
Boylan, Meghan	St. Michael's C
Brenner, Samuel	Ursinus C
Brooks, Sarah	Boston U
Browne, Victoria	Bridgewater State C
Buchanan, Ava	Macalester C
Buck, Bridgid	Nazareth C of Rochester
Bullard, Erik	Drexel U
Byrne, Ryan	Harvard C
Caldera, Marshall	U Maine
Calhoun, Perry	U Hartford
Calish, Abigail	Union C
Callhan, Joseph	GWU
Campbell-Orrock, Christopher	Vassar C
Cao, Angela	Boston U
Carchedi, Marie	U Maryland
Carle, Azia	Kalamazoo C
Carvalho, Gabriela	U Mass Amherst
Casper, Robyn	American U
Castillo, Annelle	Wellesley C
Chan, Hong	Boston U
Chan, Jack	Boston U
Chan, Welby	Boston U
Chao, Jessica	Boston C
Chao, Pablo	Pratt Institute
Cheng, Elisa	Northeastern U
Chen, Casandra	Boston U
Chen, Raymond	Boston U
Chen, Wendy	Lasell C
Chen, Winnie	Boston U
Chen, Yan	Boston C
Chen, Yiling	MIT
Chillemi, Casha	U Hartford
Chin, Gloria	Northeastern U
Chin, Kevin	Harvard C
Chin, Melissa	Simmons C
Chung, Sara	Boston U
Clifford, John	St. John's U
Colb, Benjamin	Clark U
Collard, Maia	MCPHS
Collins, Emily	McGill U
Conlin, Charles	U Mass Amherst
Connolly, Kerri	U Mass Amherst
Connolly, Travis	Concordia U
Cornish, Hillary	U New Hampshire
Costello, Courtney	U Mass Amherst
Costello, Kerri	NYU
Cotto, William	U Mass Amherst
Coyne, Jared	U Vermont
Crane, Gregory	Trinity C
Creighton, Sean	Wentworth Inst Tech
Cronin, Patrick	U Mass Amherst
Crystal, Laura	Westfield State
Curcuru, Melissa	MCLA
Damata, Ronald	Bridgewater State C
Dam, Quynh	Boston U
Dargin, Mikayla	Westfield State C
Deery, Lillian	Bridgewater State C
Deery, Sean	Northeastern U
Delerme, Jessica	U Mass Boston
del Solar, Diana	U Vermont
Deltufo, Joseph	Framingham State C
DeSantis, Alexandra	Bentley U
Deveney, Cheyenne	U Mass Amherst
Dimunah, Bradley	Boston C
DiNardo, Thomas	McGill U
Diop, Michelle	Columbia U
Donga, Katelyn	Iona C
Dong, Juncheng	Middlebury C
Doogan, James	St. Anselm C
Doran, Lauren	U Connecticut
Downey, Kara	Northeastern U
Draper, Caroline	U Mass Amherst
Duggan, Maxwell	U Mass Amherst
Duncan, Giancarlo	Boston U
Duong, Vincent	U Mass Amherst
Du, Roland	U Mass Amherst
Dwyer, Keith	Rochester Inst Techology
Ennis, Conrad	Carnegie Mellon U
Esteve, Jessica	Boston U
Estremera, Ashlyn	Stonehill C
Evans, Carolyn	Westfield State C
Fahy, Erin	Harvard C
Fahy, Zoe	Bates C
Falivene, Gemma	Bucknell U
Farley, Sarah	Stonehill C
Farrell, Natasha	Spelman C
Farro, Bianca	Boston U
Finnerty, Conor	Bentley U
Fisher, Freeman	U Hawaii
Fitzgerald, Madeline	Barnard C
Flaherty, Matthew	Wentworth Inst Tech
Fox, Sarah	Holy Cross
Franck, Finora	GWU
Franco, Enid	Amherst C
Fredrickson, Jonathan	Goucher C
Fried-Snoad, Sasha	Tulane U
Fung, Stanley	U Mass Amherst
Gallant, Joseph	Norwich U
Galofaro, John	U Mass Lowell
Gardino, Natalie	Wheaton C
Gelman, Alice	Brandeis U
George, Amelia	Centre C
Ghannam, Issam	Coastal Carolina U
Glora, Brian	Mass Maritime Academy
Goon, Douglas	Boston U
Granara, Alyssa	Simmons C
Granara, Taylor	U New Hamsphire
Grochowski, John	U Mass Amherst
Grujic, Luka	Boston U
Gu, Yu	Boston C
Hackel, Sean	Boston C
Hakim, Sahar	Simmons C
Hancock, Marie	U Mass Dartmouth
Hanson, Janine	Providence C
Hatzopoulous, Nicholas	Wentworth Inst Tech
Healey, Caitlin	U Vermont
Hensley, Candace	Tufts U
Hernandez, Drianalee	Curry C
Hernandez, Veronica	U Mass Amherst
He, Sean	Boston C
Hien, Michelle	U Mass Amherst
Hiserodt, Megan	Boston U
Hishe, Azeb	Trinity U
Hobbs, Jasper	Boston U
Hogan, Trystan	Providence C
Hong, Helena	GWU
Hooper, Patricia	U Mass Amherst
Horan, Nicole	St. John's U
Ho, Bonnie	Boston U
Ho, Melissa	MCPHS
Hui, Lawrence	U Mass Boston
Humphrey, Jasmine	Boston U
Irano, Nico	U Mass Dartmouth
Johnson, Caroline	Clark U
Johnson, Hayley	Oace U
Jordan, Keisha	American International C
Joyce, Kaitlin	Curry C
Kan, Rebecca	McGill U
Keegan, Greg	Mass Maritime Academy
Kennedy, Ciara	Northeastern U
Kerr, Margaret	Harvard C
Khoury, Antoine	MCPHS
Kopsiaftis, Nikolas	U Mass Boston
Ko, Elizabeth	Centre C
Ko, Jannie	Boston U
Kreiner, Paul	MIT
Krylova, Margarita	Tufts U
Laffey, Scott	Marines
Lahens, Marvell	U Southern California
Laing, Angelica	Santa Clara U
Lamb, Dana	Bridgewater State C
Lam, Richard	U Mass Amherst
Lee, Wanfung	Northeastern U
Lee, Matthew	Boston U
Lee, Philip	Boston U
Lee, Sheila	MIT
Lei, Jie Wen	Boston C
Leung, Michelle	U Vermont
Leung, Raymond	Suffolk U
Lewis, Daniel	American International C
Le, Hoai	Tufts U
Liao, Angela	Brandeis U
Liao, Julia	Boston U
Lin, Lily	Johnson & Wales U
Lin, Meixia	MCPHS
Lin, Nora	Boston C
Lin, Tommy	Boston U
Liu, Cyrus	Rennselaer Polytechnic Inst
Lizardo, Steven	Bridgewater State C
Li, Jimmy	Brandeis U
Li, Karen	U Mass Amherst
Li, Winnie	Simmons C
Li, Yukun	Harvard C
Lopes, Paula	Bridgewater State C
Lopez, Cynthia	Amherst C
Lui, Jessica	Chapman U
Luo, Warren	Boston U
Lu, Suzi	Harvard C
Lynch, Daniel	Harvard C
Lynch, Liam	U Mass Amherst
Ly, Betty	Boston U
Mahony, Kathryn	Fitchburg State C
Mandal, Anartya	MIT
Manko, Hazel	Emerson C
Marra, Michael	U Edinburgh
Martinelli, Enzo	Boston U
Mayer, Emily	Harvard C
McCabe, Seamus	Drexel U
McCarthy, Rebecca	Bucknell U
McCaughey, Kevin	U St. Andrews
McCoy, Noel	Bridgewater State C
McDonnell, Naoise	U Mass Amherst
McGrath, Bridget	U New Hampshire
McGrath, Stefani	U Mass Amherst
McHugh, Desmond	U Mass Amherst
McKelway, Anne	U Maine
McLaughlin, Michael	Fitchburg State C
McNamara, Robin	U Mass Amherst
McQuaid, Gregory	Providence C
Meister, Jacob	Princeton U
Mejia, Chanel	U Mass Amherst
Mejia, Joshua	Bridgewater State C
Melo, Michael	Northeastern U
Metzger, Zoelle	Brigham Young U
Meyer, Erica	Manhattanville C
Millette, Andrew	MCLA
Mogul-Adlin, Hannah	Yale U
Moreno, Mariana	Babson U
Morris, Gregory	Suffolk U
Moy, Sydney	Boston U
Murphy, Davis	U Mass Amherst
Myers, Allison	Montserrat C of Art
Nelson, Ashley	St. John's U
Newell, Abelard	U Toronto
Ng, Alexandra	Skidmore C
Nguyen, Denise	Tufts U
Nguyen, Hung	Northeastern U
Nguyen, Joey	U Mass Amherst
Nguyen, Le	MCPHS
Nguyen, Tai	Boston U
Nguyen, Theresa	Boston U
Nielsen, Erik	Siena C
O'Brien, Brendan	U Mass Amherst
O'Brien, Bridgid	Boston U
O'Donnell, Rachel	Catholic U
O'Flaherty, Aoife	Bucknell U
O'Neil, Megan	U Mass Amherst
Paiva, Alanna	Bentley U
Pantos, Xenia	Warren Wilson C
Papakstandi, Wendy	McGill U
Park, Jonathan	Harvard C
Payette, Pierre	U Mass Amherst
Pereira, Emily	Harvard C
Phan, Margaret	U Mass Amherst
Phan, Sonny	U Mass Lowell
Philippe-Auguste, Stephanie	Hofstra U
Picard, Kermshlise	Harvard C
Picariello, Evan	U New Hampshire
Pierre, Kathleen	Harvard C
Pokaski, Julie	St. Olaf C
Poon, Cynthia	RISD
Poon, Edmond	Northeastern U
Primack, Derek	Salem State C
Primé, Renato	U Mass Amherst
Qiao, Ruyue	Tufts U
Raneri, Jasmyne	Boston U
Regan, Zachary	U Mass Lowell
Reyes, René	Boston U
Richi, Melissa	U Mass Lowell
Richman, Ariel	U Mass Amherst
Richmond, Frederick	Hartwick C
Rigg, Hannah	Bard C
Rioles, Dominic	Northeastern U
Rodriguez, Perla	Curry C
Rodriguez, Vickiana	Boston U
Rose, Bianca	St. John's U
Ruff, Claire	U New Hampshire
Rufo, Stephanie	Boston C
Ryner, Brian	Arizona State U
Santillan, Cristhel	Bryn Mawr C
Santos, Andrew	U Mass Amherst
Shapiro, Noah	Bentley U
Shaughnessey, Kara	Boston U
Sheehan, Amanda	Bridgewater State C
Shen, Alice	Georgetown U
Shields, Christopher	Arizona State U
Shippie, Michael	Boston C
Shraybman, Beverly	U Mass Amherst
Shrobe, Elizabeth	Tufts U
Shum, Victoria	Syracuse U
Sifnugel, Marcella	Boston C
Simpson, Moriah	Hampton U
Sinnott, Shailagh	Curry C
Sirage, Ahmednur	U Mass Dartmouth
Siu, Syping	Boston C
Slezas, Saulius	Hampshire C
Snith, Courteney	Harvard C
Smith, Kathleen	Framingham State C
Smith, Sean	Boston U
Souroufis, Lydia	Boston U
Spellman, Maria	Providence C
Spillane, Jonathan	Bentley U
Spinetto, Daniel	Suffolk U
Stuart-Shor, Hanna	U New Hampshire
Sutherby, Meghan	St. Xavier U
Tamutyte, Kristina	School of Art Inst, Chicago
Tangvik, Sol	U Mass Amherst
Tang, Stephen	MIT
Tang, Vivian	Boston U
Teahan, Kelly	U Mass Amherst
Thacher, Talia	Fitchburg State C
Thibeault, Anna	U Tampa
Thompson, William	U Mass Boston
Thorp, Juliana	Hawaii Pacific U
Tomasini, Christopher	U Mass Amherst
Torkler, Filipp	U Mass Boston
Tran-Trinh, Victoria	Taking a year off
Tran, Moses	Boston U
Truong, Kim	Boston U
Turolski, Mateusz	Boston U
Velagoshti, Ariel	Boston U
Vivas, Silvana	Stonehill C
Vo, Tronghuy	Boston U
Vong, Hung	Boston U
Vu, Don	U Mass Amherst
Wall, John	St. Michael's C
Walsh, Jessica	Lasell C
Walsh, Joseph	Boston C
Walsh, Katherine	U Mass Amherst
Walsh, Michael	Fitchburg State
Walsh, Robert	Fairfield U
Walsh, Shaun	U Mass Lowell
Wehbe, Rana	MCPHS
Werlin, Kelila	Warren Wilson C
Willard, Dianna	Wheelock C
Williams, Alicia	Tufts U
Wolflink, Alena	Goucher C
Wong, Jimmy	Boston U
Wong, Kimberly	Boston U
Wu, Cynthia	Harvard C
Wu, Kevin	Boston U
Yandle, Michael	Salem State C
Yan, Michelle	Harvard C
Yasek, Julia	Denison U
Yau, Angie	U Mass Amherst
Yazbeck, David	Ursinus C
Yee, Anthony	
Yuan, Chaofan	Cornell U
Yuan, Chenglin	Harvard C
Yung, Joseph	Bridgewater State C
Yu, Linda	Northeastern U
Yu, Shirley	MCPHS
Zappala, Elizabeth	Boston C
Zaremski, Krista	Boston U
Zhang, Emily	Reed C
Zhang, James	Colgate U
Zhang, Lisa	Boston U
Zhang, Yuxiao	Tufts U
Zhao, Kenny	Northeastern U
Zhou, Jackie	Suffolk U
Zhou, Ping	Suffolk U
Zhou, Raymond	Boston U
Zhou, Shu Yi	Stanford U
Zhu, Norman	Harvard C
Zimmermann, Victoria	Fairfield U
Zvonar, Ivan	McGill U

Senior Spotlight
Hillary Cornish

By Zoelle Metzger, I
Contributing Writer

Hillary Cornish, or "Hill Hill Corn," as she is known in certain exclusive circles, is basically an overall marvelous human being. I first met Hillary in Mrs. McCourt's orientation class the summer before we entered our sixie year. We quickly bonded over Lindt chocolates and orange gum from the Hello Kitty store, sitting in the back row of the auditorium, disrupting several "important" assemblies with our witty banter. We have remained very good friends ever since. Even though there were a few years between then and now in which we didn't have any classes together, we still managed to hang out and enjoy each others company. Hillary has many qualities I require in a friend, such as: an extensive knowledge of Mystery Science Theatre 3000, an appreciation for the RISD mascot, a drawing capacity akin to Monet, an ability to make walking look like modeling, and did I mention she makes a mean "dalek" out of clay? She can do it all, folks. I never in my life thought that Wallace (of Wallace & Gromit fame) could be totally hot, but oh, how she proved me wrong.

Despite all these distinctive traits, Hillary is probably best known for her time spent in jail... I mean crew. The practices? Exhaustingly rigorous. The schedule? Simply ridiculous. I seem to remember a practice scheduled for the night of junior prom, but I'm sure we would all prefer to forget that. People seem to be dropping like flies, quitting left and right, but she stays right in there. Maybe it's because she knows how good she looks in that purple and black spandex, or maybe it could be her willingness, talent, and dedication. Hillary joined the team in the ninth grade, and there's no stopping her now. If you've ever seen her hands (um ouch), you know she is devoted to the sport. She is a pretty vital part of the team, being the captain and all. Also, it just so happens that Boston Latin School Girls' Crew team will be heading off to Nationals this spring, mostly due to Hillary. She is also one of three first heavyweights to go to Nationals, and she should be extremely proud of herself, because I know her friends sure are. Hillary plans on attending University of New Hampshire this coming fall, and I hope she will take her skills learned in crew to the next level.

Senior Spotlight
Brendan O'Brien

By Joe Gallant, I
Contributing Writer

Some kids are born to be engineers. Some kids are born to be hockey players. Very few kids, however, are born with the potential to be both in life. Brendan O'Brien is one of the select few super freaks who possesses that kind of potential. Growing up on the rough and bloody streets of West Roxbury, young Brendan had two choices: make something of himself, or get shot up on the block by some scary dudes. Luckily, this little Irish ball of fun decided to take the first road. That road led him to three different places: the Parkway MDC Rink, the Parkway Little League Complex, and finally, 78 Avenue Louis Pasteur. Since coming to BLS, Brendan has seen the things he can become in life and has seized every opportunity for greatness.

As a three-season athlete, Brendan has done what most kids could only dream of doing. But don't be fooled. He wasn't always perceived as the god of sports that he is seen as today. Many people believed that his rising athletic stardom would be cut down by a freak banister-sliding accident he suffered in the fourth grade. He still has the scar, ladies, and he won't hesitate to show you if you ask him to. After months in the ICU and 56 surgeries, Brendan was lucky he was even able to function as a normal human being again. His perseverance brought him back to a normal life, and he was a better athlete than he ever was before.

The football team, the hockey team, and the baseball team have all benefited from Brendan's presence as a dedicated player. Whoever said good things come in small packages was definitely thinking of him. A wiry and lean young fellow, Brendan may be seen as little harm in his football pads. But mark my words, he is a force to be reckoned with. Captain of the football team Pat "Daddy" Cronin (I) once told me, "Yo, when I see that scary dude coming at me in practice, I get into the fetal position and cry myself to sleep!" This type of intimidation carries over to Brendan's hockey playing as well, and he was named a Dual County League All Star in hockey this year.

Off the field, Brendan is an accomplished trumpeter, a super-duper student, and a suave ladies man. Brendan once made $150,000 playing the trumpet outside of Forest Hills Station, and he gave all of his earnings to the United Negro College Fund. Also, I can't remember a time when Brendan didn't receive approbation. He truly is an athlete and a mathlete! On top of it all, the kid has some serious swag. I asked Robyn "Vote For Me" Casper (I) what she thought of him. Her answer was a simple wink and a toss of her hair, and I knew what she meant without her saying a thing.

It's very hard to find a kid who can balance school, sports, music, broads, and find the time to do 9,000 push ups a day. Brendan does it without breaking a sweat. If there is anyone who is definitely going places in life, it is this guy. He is a truly great person and an amazing friend.

Senior Spotlight
Mike McLaughlin

By Joe Gallant, I
Contributing Writer

If you've ever seen a kid dancing through the hallways of Boston Latin screaming, "Hey! Hey! Are you gonna come? To the SNOWBALL?!" then first, you probably smelled some serious iced coffee breath, and then, you were graced with the presence of a true Latin School legend. Blessed with a hulking 6 ft. 200 lb. frame, a jaw line that can cut through concrete, and that "bad boy" essence of a typical Dot rat, Mike McLaughlin is definitely not your average schmo. People say he's less than a god, but more than a man, like Hercules or something. And I've personally seen women, grown women, go weak at the knees when he flashes that forever golden smile of his (sorry ladies, he's taken). But make no mistake, McLaughlin is not another one of those pretty boy good-for-nothings. He can put that glorious body of his to work, and when I say work, I mean this kid does work...on the course, rink, and field, that is.

There are only a handful of three-season athletes at BLS, and McLaughlin takes the cake as the loudest and most energetic one in that handful. Captain of the golf team and baseball team as well as an important member of the hockey team, his leadership and dedication in sports have given him the skills to excel in life. McLaughlin led the golf team through the greens of the Franklin Park Golf Course during the fall, and I think he'll keep stroking his way to his peak. On the ice, McLaughlin has spent the last four years as a varsity skater, always honing his skills and thus making the team much better. He even spent his summer of 2007 playing for Team U.S.A. in the Junior Goodwill Games alongside stars such as Dean Portman, Adam Banks, and even Connie Moreau. However, of all his athletic prowess, none can compare to his natural talent on the baseball field. McLaughlin has the speed of Ricky Henderson, the power of Ted Williams, the arm of Roger Clemens, and the heart of Michael "Squints" Palledorous, and he will be proving these attributes next spring as a member of the Fitchburg State baseball team.

On top of being a superb athlete, McLaughlin is a very serious student, and perhaps even what could be considered a genius (that ain't true... yeah it is!). His accomplishments in the fields of mathematics and science are phenomenal, and his brain is only getting bigger. McLaughlin has also taken an interest in the arts, and has even been spotted drawing exquisite portraits of the renowned teachers at our school. I have no doubt that his work will be seen in a museum someday.

When he's not hitting balls or hitting the books, McLaughlin is doing what he does best of all, which is being an all-around great kid. He spends his summers volunteering at Camp Fatima, working with disabled children. I can honestly say that if we had more Mike McLaughlins in the world, it would be a great place. His brother, Timmy McLaughlin, states, "he may leave his dirty underwear all over the floor, but he's still my best pal!" We all feel you, Tim.

Senior Spotlight
Kathleen Pierre

By Amanda Anastasia, I
Contributing Writer

My friendship with Kathleen long predates our entrance into the Boston Latin School. There was no way that I could have known, when we were trading crayons and sharing cookies in kindergarten, that our friendship would last this long. Looking back, I'm not surprised that we have remained such good friends for such an extended period of time. Kathleen is just that easy to spend time around.

Never in my life have I met someone who is surrounded by friends to the degree that Kathleen is. Whether they are discussing extracurriculars, ranting about homework, or just chatting about a recent television show, Kathleen can practically always be seen in an animated conversation with anywhere from one friend to a crowd. The most striking characteristic of Kathleen's friends is that they don't fit into any one social group. Her friendships span age, academic interest, neighborhoods of residence, and cultural background.

The main aspect of Kathleen's personality that attracts so many friends is her sense of humor. Very few days have gone by since kindergarten that Kathleen hasn't had a smile on her face, a joke in her pocket, and a cruel but witty comment (once she was old enough to figure out what they are) tucked away, waiting for the opportune moment for its release to present itself. Her sense of humor has played a huge part, in my opinion, in her success with the BLS Theatre Department.

Kathleen's first appearance on the stage was as Captain Hook in "Peter Pan" when she was in the eighth grade. Since then, she has starred in countless productions, filling a wide variety of shoes. It is no surprise that Kathleen has been so successful in theatre. She is engaging, entertaining, and talented. In theatre, you have to be willing to become the character, not just play the character. Kathleen fully commits to everything that she does, and when she is performing, it is clear that she is completely at the scene, instead of just in it.

In recent years, another of Kathleen's talents has come to light: her singing ability. Kathleen has a great voice, and the best part is that she isn't afraid to share it with the world. On stage or in the hallway, Kathleen is impressive to listen to. When she isn't talking with friends, she can often be heard singing or humming whatever song is stuck in her head, whether the friends around her are willing to sing along or not. This is an important lesson that we can all learn from Kathleen: never be afraid to be yourself. It is when you show your true colors and allow yourself to shine that you begin to harness your potential to become as accomplished as Kathleen is.

It would be thoughtless of me to talk about Kathleen without mentioning her intelligence. Kathleen is, without a doubt, one of the smartest people that I know. Being a student at BLS, I know a great deal of smart people, so that is saying something. Kathleen has always been an excellent, dedicated, and hardworking student. As a result of this, she is going to a great college next year. This is will be first year that we are not together at school, but I know that she will continue to do great things. I wish her all the best luck next fall, as she enters the Harvard Class of 2013!

Senior Spotlight

Robin McNamara

By Libby Shrobe, I & Zoe Fahy, I
Contributing Writers

As we have learned from playing Robin Trivia on her 18th birthday, April 10th was a great day in history. Ever since Robin Berman McNamara entered this world on that famous day she has been a risk taker. Always thirsting for new experiences, Robin has always gone out on a limb and dared the impossible. I've known Robin since preschool, and even then her daring was evident. As a child, she stood up for herself and forced her way into playing Power Rangers, battling with the older kids for the honor of the pink ranger. Although an infamous lactard, Robin has never shied away from coming into contact with dairy, once even rubbing milk on her face to defy danger. Just like in her favorite musical, Wicked, Robin defies gravity in many ways.

Growing up together I've watched Robin put her risk taking to work in the theater world. Always a performer, she first took her great comedic timing to the stage as a member of the Freelance Players, making her big break as Brainy Bunny at the age of ten. Almost from the beginning Robin has made a name for herself as a regular in the theater department at Boston Latin School. Rising from the ranks of an Indian in Peter Pan to the title role in *Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge,* Robin has constantly caught and kept the audience's attention. Her animated facial expressions and great impersonations make her a top choice for any production. Robin can handle any part thrown at her (in fact, she has never turned down a role), be it a theater teacher, a male military officer or a horny old lady – she does it all. She will not back down from anything. She jumps into all roles mind, body, and soul, completely embodying her character.

Not only is Robin a master of character work, she is also a superb improviser. We have often been witness to and involved in Robin's impromptu reenactments, taking place anywhere from her living room to the middle of the street. Her quick thinking and great understanding of comedic timing have all allowed Robin to excel in improv around the world.

Robin is so dedicated to the theater world she not only focuses on refining her own technique, but also volunteers her time as stage manager for her former theater troop, helping younger kids reach her level of talent. Be it LARPing (Live Action Role Playing – ask her about it) with friends or performing in the black box, Robin is always a performer. Her enthusiasm and good nature make her a joy to watch on stage as well as a great friend. Currently, Robin is enrolled as a theater major at UMass Amherst. Stay tuned, because this actress is going to make headlines someday, with plans already underway to be a motivational speaker and to own her own community theater. But knowing Robin, I think we can expect much more than just that from her in the future!

Senior Spotlight

Zoe Metzger

By Hillary Cornish, I
Contributing Writer

As the high school year comes to an end we look back the times that we've spent here, the people who we spent it with, and the countless memories that we share with everyone here. My first memory of Boston Latin School is one that stays fresh in my mind. On the first day of sixie orientation I came in nervous about meeting new people, but luckily I sat next to a girl named Zoelle Metzger. She was extremely friendly, comical, and outgoing. Zoe and I were together every period of those last summer days, getting lost in the big new school, traveling to the galleria, or even sneaking food in the back of the auditorium during the assemblies (we were clever kids). It was during these days that I was exposed to her drawing ability (well at the time it was just doodles of our orientation teacher, Ms. McCourt, but they were pretty accurate). The doodles continue to this day whether they are caricatures of her classmates, or comical drawings at random, they continue to entertain me.

Zoe seems to always be surrounded by art, whether it is because of her classes, AP Art, Art History, even her study period takes place in Mr. Harris' art room helping the foundations students, or because of her distinct fashion sense, admit it, you're jealous that she can wear leather leggings and you can't. I've even witnessed a couple occasions where strangers have complimented her different outfits or bags that she wears. Also one of her pieces is always hanging in the art wing, putting a lot of the other pieces to shame. If you've never had the chance to look upon one of her works I recommend that you go to look at them soon, seeing as the senior year is coming to a close, the pieces won't be up for much longer.

One thing that I love about Zoe is that she is secure about her personality. And it is quite the personality. You can always find her standing out in one way or another. She could be singing with friends down the hall or surrounded by her numerous friends making them double over in laughter. She gets along with everyone she meets and is often the class clown that all students and teachers enjoy. To entertain her Art History class she placed a picture of each student in popular and well known works of art using faceinahole.com. Ms. Freeman found it so comical that she hung the works up in her classroom.

I know I can always count on her for a good inside joke, or a chat filled with hilarity and a tad bit of seriousness all at once. She's always up for trying new things whether it be experimenting with her food decisions, bacon and tofu, or learning the various line dances that are intricately choreographed by Hannah Montana.

Zoe plans to continue her art career by studying illustration at Brigham Young University in Idaho. The school may be far, but I know that no friend will let themselves lose touch with Zoe because of the distance.

So Zoe as the year comes to a close and we say goodbye, I just wanted to say that I'm glad to have a friend like you since the beginning of our journey here at the school that used to seem so big, but now feels like our second home, even though your first home is technically only a few feet away. I wish you good luck in your college years and I hope you like potatoes. It had to be said.

CONGRATULATIONS, ALYSSA.

We are all so proud of you. Best wishes for a lifetime of success and happiness.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, David, T.C. and Bennie

CONGRATULATIONS VICTORIA—YOU DID IT!

AD AUGUSTA PER ANGUSTA; AD ALTA
SIC ITUR AD ASTRA
UBI SOL OMNIBUS LUCET

LOVE, MOM, ARTHUR, EMILY AND HANNAH

Giancarlo W. Duncan
a.k.a.

Wolfie, Baby John, Trencherman, Monkey Toes, Iguanodon, Potato Head, Pano Gian, Dragon Bird, One Trick, Punk, Stinks, Piglet, Giammo Face, Snowflakes-

A TRIUMPHANT ACCOMPLISHMENT!

We are elated and love you lots-
M+D, Norris, Scoots and Callie

Congratulations
Class of 2009!!

Na na na na
Na na na na
Hey hey hey
Goodbyeeee!!! =)

Congratulations,
Queen!

We finally made it through all these years. Thanks for all the *Argo* memories, and best of luck next year!

--Your lovely *Argo* staff

Congratulations,
Rebecca!

We love you very much.

Mom, Dad, and Emily

AS YOU EMBARK ON YOUR NEW JOURNEY CONTINUE TO REACH FOR THE STARS.

MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS COME TRUE.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.

LOVE,

MOM, DAD, BRITTANEY AND JAIMIE

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe."
—Anatale France

Class of 2009 Senior Survey

Best Memory

2/6/09
30-Mar-09
31-Mar
"Come ora" - Italy 2007
"Do I need shots to go to Ecuador"
"Ooh! Somebody call me a limo! You wretched boy!"
"Please turn off your cell phones and your vibrators."
10th grade English
11th grade...the first time around
18.5 bday in NY, Art History trip to DC
3eb
8th grade and all Spanish classes
8th grade brawls
8th grade fights
8th grade Movie Project
A certain history teacher in 132 doing the "yo yo yo"
A friend tripping over the sidewalk
Akeson's birthday bash!, Argo NYC trip, Interpretive math dances x3, final Fridays, Strasbourg, France
Alice Shen
Anthony Poles
Anthony Yee's mouthpiece getting creamed
Anytime spent with my friends
Applesauce
Approbation with distinction!
Asian Night
Asian Night '09
Asian Night '09
Asian night 2009 lovestruck
Awkward Art History moments
Baha 09
BAHA '09
Baha '09 - Guanahani!
Baha '09 - Guanahani!
Baha '09 - Guanahani!
BAHA '09 Guanahani
BAHA '09 Guanahani
BAHA '09!
Baha, 3eb
Bahamas
Bahamas
Bahamas
Bahamas '09
Bahamas '09 Guanahani
Bahamas '09!
Bahamas and smuggs
Bahamas*/the Works
Bahamas. Enough said.
Ballroom dancing with Ms. Davis
BANANANA ON WHEELS
Bboy club
Being able to sleep again
Being Amy Winehouse
Being such a hippie in 7th grade but still making friends
Big D
Bio teacher in 9th grade
Bishop's Latin class
Blazing saddles at football
BLS Cheer! Nationals 09!!
Bombarded with gifts on my birthday
Brendan O'Brien and Robyn Casper cutest couple???
Brighton carpool
Buccaneering on the Caribbean seas
Calculus with Julia & Vivian; Phibby's Shoes
Can't choose one
Cancun '09
Cancun '09
Cancun '09 =) (everyone needs to go at some point in their lives)
Cancun '09!!!, 11th & senior year
Cartwheel & wheelbarrow races at track meet, downtown everyday afterschool in 8th grade with my girls
Chappin
Cheer 08-09
Chilling at the library
Chilling in the auditorium like everyday
Chinese Comprehension
Circles and jingles
Classes I had in 034
Comprehensive Chinese class
Concert Choir
Conversations with interesting and educated people
Courteney Smith's birthday cakes
Crazy conversations at the table with friends
Dancing to Single Ladies at every big school event
Dancing with Mrs. Davis...Betty makes me sweaty
DC roomies
DC trip '09
DC trip '09 with Art History
DC trip with FHAO '09
December 5th, 2005
Dr. Carroll's 5th period Laitn class in 10th grade
Dr. Neary's class
Driving down to Falmouth
Eastern Europe
Eastern Europe '09
Eastern Europe '09!
EE '09
English honors with Liu
Every minute with Suzi
Everyday afterschool with people
Everyday in Jeff Mikalaitis' class
Everyday of World History in 132
Facing DC trip '08
Facing DC trip '08 (going to Hooters)
Facing History DC trip
Facing History Europe trip
Failing gym
Farts
Ferocious Bunnies
Fighting my English teacher
Final Fridays
Final Fridays
Finding Moriah Simpson & Caitlin Kauffman staying with me in the school
Finding my name on the bathroom wall
Fire alarm yoga with Ms. Long
Fitting 9 kids in 7 showers after football practice
Florida '09
Football - swinging a seven footer
Free Lizardo shirts
Freshman football
Fridays with Annele
Front door craziness
Getting approbation 3rd term Junior year, Junior Prom
Getting BAHAmmered
Getting into college
Getting into college =)
Getting into MIT
Getting my hair done by Kostas
G-Mo puking out dip on the football bus
Going to Europe
Going to Vermont for Tilt Angel
Good times on the charter bus
Graduating
Grassing & fountaining w/ the Llamas Mofas
Guild '08
Guild Preliminaries '07
Hanging out with our group of friends before we separated into groups of 2 or 3
HAP with Yan Chen
Having my rat tail sawed off during Humanities
Hide and seek in the library
Hitting the game-winning shot in 10th grade
Hockey and being an '08er
Hodgepodge
Hogwarts
Homeroom! <3 135, 201, 337
Induction into NHS and getting a prize book award
Italy 2007
Izzo calling me a swine
Jammin' in the back of Ms. Stuppard's
Joe's constant dumps in Bahamas
JP at night
JP in general
Junior prom & nationals
Junior year
Justin Lloyd crying
Justin Lloyd crying
Kaighla and Ashley fight
Kaitlin Joyce, Mikayla Dargin, Greg Keegan aka Mr. Barry's English 12 class
Kiss in the rain
Last days of school...playing cards with everyone
Last night with Cyrus Liu
Late nights at YouthCAN; STAND in Harmony
Latin bashes
Latin Class in 10th grade
Locker room showers
Lunch table convos about lickstee
Making Justin Lloyd cry
Making music videos at 3 in the morning =)
Making my amazing friends
Mammabear
Meeting a loyal and loving person in Yiling
Meeting Jamie =)
Meeting my dream babe Byrnzy
Meeting new friends
Merrily We Roll Along
Messing with dry ice on Science Day
Montes' office with Nora and Michelle3
Montreal '09
Montreal '09
Moses Tran for treasurer
Mr. Akeson's "DAM" joke. =)
Mr. Bernazzani's class
Mr. Izzo's bear story
Mr. Meagher
Mr. Meagher
Mr. Mulhern's 9th grade English class
Mr. Simmon's music class
Ms. Middleton R5 in 8th grade
Ms. Palmer's 10th grade English class
My 8th grade lunch table
My birthday's
My dog Iuvochka
N/A
Naked lap on the DC trip
Napping in Korean for an English project, world history 2 lectures from a certain teacher in room 132
Nationals
Nationals - Disney 2009
Nationals '08 - Cinci Baby
Nationals '09
Nationals '09
Nationals/Junior Prom
Never having to see your face again
New York over spring break
Night swimming and car sleeping
November 30th, 2006
Officer Farva
Ol' Colonels
Pantsless Revolution Revelation
Parties at mi casa
Peeing in room 304
Percussion sectionals
Pool hopping
PR '09
RANA
Realizing I was a senior
Receiving MIT acceptance letter
RockBand in Mr. Bernazzani's class
Rumors
Sandyport Baha '09
Seeing Michael Melo break the beaker after Izzo said "be careful"
Senior prom '09
Senior year
Senior year English with Mrs. Burke
Senior year...knowing that I'm leaving
Show Choir
Show choir
Singing in Kirkpatrick's class
Sitting next to Joe in Euro
Sleeping and eating at my praefect post
Smuggler's Notch 2008
Smuggler's Notch 2008
Smuggs 08
Snowboarding
Sound of Music with Kamissa Barry; Bobby Akes' Bday party
Speed Latin
Spillane packing lip
Squallie squad
Standing on the side of the highway waiting for the tow truck and police
Tai
Thanksgiving Game
That one time in math class...
That time at that place with those people
The Aran Islands
The book closet in 10th grade English Class
The breakfast club '06-'09
The charter bus
The Cool Peeps in German
The day I was accepted into AP Mustaches
The Estate
The first time Gerry talked to me
The great vampire scare
The Killers concert :)
The last half of senior year
The Linkage
Themed holiday lunch parties
Theresa Nguyen
These last days
They were all so good
Throwing down with a Navy SEAL in Baha
Tilt Angel
Tree hugging
U2 concert with Ms. Mooney Teta =)
Vampires
Vegas!
Waking up in Baha with Pbannon
Washington, D.C.
Watching 16 hours of Jane Eyre in English
Watching Desmond play an alternate pirate in the 8th grade play Peter Pan
Way too many, I love you guys
Whale Watch
Whale Watch
Whatever my worst memories aren't
When I destroyed all that stuff
When I was so hungry I visualized Erik Nielsen as a giant chicken fry
When Justin Lloyd's little brother made him cry
When we had like 5 fire drills in 8th grade
When we never went to Wendy's on Fridays and the fries were crispy
Winning D1 Central/East Championships
Winning the Division I central/East Championship
Winter break '08
Yang moments

Congratulations Gerry!

We're so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Rebecca

Wherever you go
and whatever you do in
your future ...
... Best wishes lots of
happiness and success!
The Park/Weinstein Family

Congrats, John! You did it, and I couldn't be prouder!
<3
Can't wait for VT next year! Go Knights!

~Cat

To the Class of '09-
We made it!!!!!! Look out world, here we come!

Senior Section
Worst Memory

217
217
237
"Key Question" essays in Seventh Grade
(7th grade) & summer '07 :(
10th grade English
10th grade English
10th grade English
10th grade english
10th grade English everyday
10th grade French class
10th grade night at Ken's
11th grade writing teacher cutting her foot while walking around barefoot and bleeding all over the floor
12th grade French 4 honors
20 rep squats
8th grade history class
8th grade theatre
8th grade...both times
9th and 10th grade
9th grade
9th grade History
9th grade history
9th grade World history
A science teacher making me cry
All of 9th grade
All-nighter for a 20 pt project
Almost getting written up by a teacher for leaning on a chair
Anything related to math
Anything with Bao Tran
AP Bio
AP Chem everyday junior year
AP Chemistry
AP English 12
AP Italian test...
ASIA
August 11th
Back seat confessionals
Bad grades on report card!
Bad substitute teachers
Ballet
Being accused of plagarism in 8th grade
Being at school after the janitors left
Being at school until 8 o'clock
Being censured twice in a week in 8th grade
Being chased down the hall by Mme. Brun
Being punched in the lip by Anna Ivanova
Being rejected for AP Mustaches
BLS football
Bringing my average up 30 points... and still failing
B-sie year. All of it.
Capture the flag
Certain teachers
Chemistry last year
Chemistry senior year
Circles and jangles
Class
Composition notebooks
Crossbones getting bopped for the first time
Crying on the floor in the 3rd floor bathroom
Declamation
Declamation
Declamation
Diarrhea in school
Disgusting rumors about the 9th grade
Don Vu getting pantsed sixie year
End of Junior year
English class 9th grade
Every minute without Suzi
Every single English class..ever
Every time a certain science teacher caught me
Everyday of 10th grade
Failing Latin 3
Failing my research paper
Fainting
Falling down the front entrance steps and having everyone on the Charter Bus see me
Fell down the stairs
Filling this out!
Filming a French movie and then failing because my French teacher thought we plagarized
Finding out I had ___ the first day of senior year
Finding out I'm allergic to nuts the hard way
First day of senior year when I looked at my schedule and saw who I got
First period French classes
Fishing for tuna
Football
Foul rejections, ZERO waitlists
Four years of Latin
Francis V. Woods (loved hockey, hated Frankie)
French 3
French class
French classes
French in 136
French in the 9th grade
Friendship drama
Genital herpes
Getting 4 rejection letters in one day
Getting a D when Kelly Teahan got a B
Getting caught
Getting caught at the consumer value store
Getting caught cheating 4 or 5 times
Getting caught plagarizing
Getting caught plagarizing a Latin paper in 10th grade
Getting caught putting my pants on in French class
Getting censured
Getting chased off the roof by the crazy guy after burning it down
Getting detention for PDA...pshh
Getting dropped on my head in the Black Box
Getting grinded on at junior prom by a dirty tinker
Getting jumped in 8th grade at Ashmont with 20 other kids
Getting locked in sixie bathroom
Getting pulled by my hair by mom at a dance where I grinded with someone
Getting rejected from every school I wanted to go to
Getting sick :(
Getting sick all the time
Getting summer school for Latin then spraining my ankle
Getting suspended for using a laser
Getting taken out of class to be told that I didn't fit into the future plans of the girl's bball team
Going to JP House of Pizza everyday in 8th grade
Going to school
Goons coming to my house
Grade 10 round 1
Greek philosophy
Greek Philosophy
Greg McQuaid: the party ruiner
Growing apart from people
Guys farting on me in World History >:-(
Hardly knowing anyone when I started BLS
Haters being hated...jealous
Having everyone see my butt many times
Having insomnia for 45 days
Having the flu, strep, and pneumonia all in one week
Having to sit through etiquette class
Helena Hong
Homeroom
I went to tardy detention once
Intense last few weeks of senior year
Last night with Stephen Tang
Lavern getting taken away
Laying bricks in my pants when I was too late to the bathroom
Learning your crush was going to prom with another friend
Letting Bassam eat that french fry
Looking at my senior schedule for the first time and seeing who I had for English
Losing at nationals =(
Losing my schedule the first day of HS as a B-sie
March 19, 2007, falling in Gatorade and Bateman telling everyone in homeroom
Mary Balaconis
McLaughlin's breath
Music Night 2009
My 7th grade wardrobe
My best friend getting thrown up on
My cop hat getting taken at gunpoint
My failure of a Halloween party...
My fallout with certain people
New Years
New Years Eve 2008-2009
Norman cheering as James ate a banana
Not getting a pancake
Not going to Greece
Our last morning in Baha
Pantsing Casper the friendly ghost
Paving the dirt road
Pee lot
Physics
Pneumonia '07
Post "ping pong" in BAHA
PreCalc
Pre-Calc summer school 2008
PSATs junior year
Public transportation in snowstorms
Pulling an all-nighter for an extra credit project to pass 10th grade English
Rana
Realizing that nearly every person I've ever met has had a crush on me
Research paper
Rm 119
Saturday success school
Saying goodbye to Tai over the phone every night
School
Seeing a mouse run under my seat
Seeing Amber naked
Seeing Perry's Single Ladies video
Seeing Sean He's white behind
Seeing your thongs through white pants
Senior year
Sitting behind the kid who farted
Sixie year
Sixie year
Sixie year
Sixie year "x" trouble
Sophomore year...drama everyday
Spanish 2 and 3
Splitting my pants open at the Holy Name Dance
Standing on the side of the highway, waiting for the police
Studying/cramming
Summer school for Chem
Taking French
Taking Latin
Taking the PSATs on my birthday/forgetting my locker combo in 7th grade
Tardy Detention in the winter
Teachers giving long and boring lectures
Tenth grade English with a certain teacher
That other time somewhere else with other people
That time when I hurt my destroying hand and was unable to destroy
The 10th grade R4 Geometry class when the school announced that Ms. Middleton died
The AIM conversations that made me friends with Ms. Wong
The battle of Leipzig
The day Bernie Mac died
The day she farted
The death of Spitopia
The drama
The first day of school
The mallet incident...
The Mona drama
The night I discovered my true identity... aaaoooh!
The SATs, MCAS, APs, finals
The weeping camel, Mr. Forina getting fired
Throwing up seeds
Tuna salad at A. Robyn's House
Tutoring Michelle in physics
Twin subs
Valentine's Day 10th grade
Waiting for Andrew after praefecting
Waking up
Waking up at Brown with no phone and no idea whose bed I was in
Waking up early
Watching the Class of '08 leave
Whale name =(
Whale watch trip
When a teacher chased me with a hockey stick
When I had to redo the Common App
When Mr. Bonds forgot me in Rome
When my ship sank
When Smeagol left
When someone caught me taking a dump
When Tony Yee Yo asked me on date during Spanish class
When vampires attacked
Winter break, trying to finish college apps
Wiping out on Palace Rd. running to school so I wouldn't be late
Woof

Robyn,
Way to go, girlfriend! You did it!
Good luck at American!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Dede

To our Diana –

You are as beautiful inside as out.
We are all so proud of you!
Congratulations!

Ad Universitas Viridis Montis!

Love Mom, Dad, Alexandra & Julian

Senior Section
Things I Wish I Had Done

"Rushed" sixies
A sport
A sport
Actually cheated in Neary's class
Actually learned Latin and French
Actually tried extremely hard in this school
Actually worked hard
AP Econ, slacked off, tutoring
AP writing
AP Writing
AP Writing with O'Malley
Applied to colleges I could actually get into
Applied to Harvard
Appreciated the people here more
Approbation with distinction
Arranged my schedule better so I could have taken more AP classes
Ask someone from school to prom, talked to everyone before this year
Asked Lily Lin to marry me
Asked out Cedric Diggory before he died
Ballroom dancing in math
Baseball
Beat it up
Beaten D1R1 in a haiku war
Become a member of Heavy Hitterz
Become better friends with people who are not in my classes
Been a rebel and really skipped class
Been able to grow facial hair
Been in band or a sport
Been late to school a lot more
Been more active at BLS and joined more clubs
Been more friendly
Been more on time
Been more outgoing
Been the only male cheerleader
Been with Allie more
Better in 9th and 10th grade
Buffed Leon
Built a time machine
Came to school in my birthday suit
Camped out on the roof
Caught a Pokemon
Chapped Poctor Peary
Cheerleading
Chinese Comp
Choo choo train
Climbed to the belltower
Come to school
Come to school
Come to school more
Continue with my commitments
Converted Saul to Christianity
Crushed the little fetuses that roam my hallway
Dated Kay Smith/fought someone
Destroyed more
Did that movie for Spanish
Done a sport!
Done a sport, taken band/chorus
Done better 9th and 10th grade
Done everything to change my schedule to not have that English teacher
Done more sports/started them earlier
Dress as a Spartan for Halloween
Dressed up as 2 tan ovals on famous pair day
Eastern Europe trip/AP Writing
Explored more buildings/massacred Westie kids
Extracurriculars since sixie year
Felt up more booty
Find the promised land
Fought Justin
Found ASIA's secret documents
Free-balled it / gone commando
Get smashed in school
Given Keith a sponge bath
Go on the roof
Gone on the rood with Filippushka
Gone on the roof
Gone on the roof; taken Art History
Gone out with Sam Ghannam
Gone somewhere for spring break
Gone to Eastern Europe
Gone to Eastern Europe
Gone to Italy with Forina
Gone to Ms. Gray's class, English 11 twice SUCKED
Gone to private school
Gone to the Bahamas
Gone to the BLS pool
Gone to the roof
Gone to the roof
Gone to the roof
Gone to the roof
Gone to the roof of BLS
Gone to the roof with Mr. Flynn
Gone to the roof, joining the Argo earlier, practice violin more, actually learned French
Gone up to the roof, Red Sox parade
Got bitten by a radioactive spider and become Spiderman
Gotten a SAT tutor
Gotten a tattoo of the brewers symbol on my leg
Gotten approbation
Gotten baked on the roof
Gotten into a fight
Gotten into Facing
Gotten more confidence, played a sport
Gotten to know more people
Greeks
Had more BLS pride
Had more fun Junior year
Hockey skip day
Homework
HOMEWORK
Homework...ever
Hooked up with Noel McCoy
Hung out with Ms. Pollock's cousin, DJ Squeak E. Clean
Jazz band
Jumped
Jumped on my English sub's back and had him run the marathon
Learn how to hadonken
Learned CS Java properly
Learned how to play volleyball
Learned how to speak another language
Learned how to swim
Learned more about Aeronautics and theoretical physics
Lie
Listened to more S.A.S.
Lived in JP
Lost my virginity
MADE an underground house
Made deadlines, read for APUSH, sleep, public dec again, made the Potter Puppet Pals spoof in Latin
Made Justin Lloyd cry
Made more friends
Made more friends within the senior class
Made more friends, taken art class, found a "high school sweetheart"
Meow
Met more people
Met Mr. G earlier
Met Rene Reyes before senior year
Milwaukee Brewers tattoo
Missed more school
More black engineering
More of what I wanted to do
More school activities
More ski trips to Loon
More volunteering
Move out of Dorchester earlier
My research paper
No regrets
Not been as shy and met more people
Not stressed out over little things & cherised my time with him more
Not taken French
Not worn shoes ever!
Opened up more
Orchestra, Comp Sci AB
Participated in drama productions
Partied more!
Partied more, cared less
Partied with more Asians
PCP: in order to beat up all of Westie
Pee out one of the windows
Played a school sport
Played a sport other than crew
Played a sport; talked to more people; remembered for 786 yrs.; Algebra Honors 9th grade (honors II)
Played another sport
Played football
Played hockey
Played sports all four years
Played the Kevin Chin game
Pour a whole natty's on elkin
Public declamation
Punched a certain teacher in the face
Punched some people
Remembered Halloween and handcuffs, Bahamas
Run faster from the transit police
Sex
Sheared more sheep
Signed my name
Signed up for Honors Art as a junior
Skipped a few more days
Skipped class more
Skipped more
Skipped more
Skipped more classes
Skipped more classes
Skipped more days of school
Skipped school, had a lobster
Skydiving
Smush more pb+j on her stuff
Something constructive
Spanish and soccer
Spent more time with Keith Dwyer
Spoken word
Spring break trip
Start swimming in 9th grade
Started boys' crew earlier
Started trying before senior year
Stood up for myself
Studied art
Studied for tests
Studied harder for AP Moustaches
Studied more
Study assiduously
Sung more in individual performances/showcases
Swim team
Taiger
Take AP Euro with Dr. Neary
Take AP Writing
Take AP Writing
Taken another AP course
taken AP classes
Taken AP classes junior year
Taken AP Lit
Taken AP Writing
Taken AP Writing
Taken AP Writing, gone on the roof
Taken AP's
Taken art
Taken art and made more friends
Taken art classes
Taken Chinese
Taken Chinese Comp
Taken Facing
Taken Facing
Taken Facing History
Taken Italian
Taken more AP classes junior year
Taken more AP's
Taken more AP's in 11th & 12th grades, talked more
Taken more AP's in junior year
Taken more art classes, taken Facing History
Taken more chances
Taken that walk with Steve O'Connell
Talked to more people sooner
The bus 2006, skipped school
Things
Think before speaking; spent more time with friends
Told AC off for being a meanie
Told Perry to shut up
Took more naps and had more dreams
Transferred out of Physics Honors
Transferred out of that English class, told him how I felt
Tried harder
Tried harder
Tried harder in 10th grade
Tried harder in 9th grade
Tried harder in 9th grade
Tried harder in junior year
Tried harder in school
Tried harder; changed my last name
Tried out for the boys' soccer team to be on MTV's Made
Upper decker
Used all my bathroom passes
Used faculty bathrooms
Used more passes
Walked through the hall with wood and sweats
Well on the AP tests
Went on the roof
Went to "AURA"
Went to class more
Work
Worked a little harder
Worked harder
Worked in AP Bio
Yelled at a teacher
Zegler

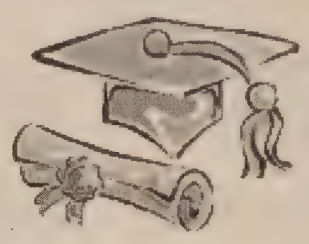
Congratulations Megan!

Words cannot express how proud we are of you. You have accomplished so much and are destined for great things. We are truly blessed to have you as our daughter.

Love,
Mom and Dad

It was a long, hard six years… but you made it.

Congrats, John H. Wall II!



Love,
Mom, Dad, & Kristen

Congratulations Lydia!

We are very proud of you!

Best Wishes,
Dad, Mom,
and Alex.

Senior Section

Things I Wish I Hadn't Done

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"Touch my body"
3 years is waaay too long
A billion games of Solitaire
Allowed Jeff to marry someone other than me!
Anythign without Allie
Anything without Helena
AP Chemistry
AP Econ
AP Economics
AP Economics Exams
AP Modern Euro
AP Physics. Nuff said.
AP Sciences
AP U.S. Senior year
Applied to 12 schools
Apply to Ivies
Ask a certain someone to prom because of my parents
Ate so much cake
Badmitton
Be shy
Become friends with Robyn
Been "the ultimate try-hard"
Been a d-bag
Been a jerk in 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grades
Been friends with those gross people for 4 years
Been insecure, broken up because of my past
Been late all the time
Been late so much; Procastinated
Been lazy for 6 years
Been shy
Been so dumb
Been so stressed out over nothing
Been tardy 21 times this year (they're keeping me 2 extra days!)
Believed in Leprechauns and followed that rainbow
Braided my hair for a week in 8th grade
Breaking a girl's heart in April Fools
Bred an Army of man-eating garden gnomes
Bun and run on whale watch
Burned my tongue
Calculus
Calculus; gone to BLS
Chased after that girl for 4 years
Chemistry I; French
Chemistry Senior year
Coach Carr in the projection room above the auditorium
Come late into school meated and not knowing what was going on
Come to school everyday 7th through 9th grade
Come to school legit everyday
Come to school one minute late
Come to this school; AP Chemistry
Crashed Samantha Kaufman's party
Cuss out some of the floor masters (the short Asian one)
Danced with Jon Spillane
Dated anyone from this school
Decided to make my 8th grade movie a Matrix spoof, slept in APUSH
Drawn charicatures of my teacher
Drugs and alcohol
Eaten a skoal sandwich
Eaten so much
Entered the boys' locker room during football season
Everything leading up to me crying in the 3rd floor bathroom
Facing History = propaganda
Facing History = propaganda
Facing History, AP Econ
Failed Algebra II (the first time)
Failed my road test... twice
Fallen asleep on the toilet in the morning, late for school
Fallen for a friend
Fallen for him
Fed a hot dog to Meredith's beaver
Football
French
French
French
Friends with Maricella
Go with Pierre to that Turkish Party
Gone Beserk
Gone fishin'
Gone out with Amanda
Gone right home after junior prom
Gone to BLS
Gone to Justin Lloyd's house
Gone to Pierre's ultimate
Gone to the Halloween Party
Gone to the V.A. parking lot that night...
Gone to this school
Goofed off at the roof and got CC in trouble
Got denied by so many Ivies
Gotten crabs
Gotten sprit-ay poisoning
Greek Philosophy
Greek Philosophy
Greek Philosophy; AP Bio
Grown apart from people
Had the most notorious 8th grade fight
Held in all my gas
Homework
Homework
Honors Physics
Hooked up with guys in the same group of friends
Hooked up with Kieran Lyons
Hooked up with Pat Bannon
Hooked up with Sam Brenner
Humanities... 10th grade
Hurt my destroying hand
Impregnate a baby cow
Join A.S.I.A. in sixie/fivsie year
Latin Prose Honors
Let that gorilla out of his cage at the zoo
Listened to my guidance counselor
Lit a match and realized I had passed out in a beaver
Lost $50 at the casino
Lost contact with old friends
Lost to DtR1 in a haiku war
Made friends with idiots
Made her cry
Made that phone call to Sean
No regrets
Nothing, I'm glad about what I did
Other things
Paid taxes
Party on school days
Past is past, no point regretting anything
Pave the dirt road
Payed attention the first half of the year in Myth
Physics
Physics 2
Physics II
Picked a terrible goal for the yearbook
Pie
Played flip-cup with mixed drinks
Played tag in the auditorium
Procrastinate
Procrastinated
Procrastinated
Procrastinated
Procrastination
Procrastination
Put everyone else's problems before my own
Reachback
Read all the comments in the boys' bathroom
Scanned those horrible doodles
Screwed up 9th grade
Skip the Picasso Museum
Skipped class
Skipped school to do homework
Skipped so much
Skipped tardy detention on my last day
Slacked off in 8th grade
Slacked off in 9th and 10th grade
Slacked off in freshman year
Slacked so much
Slackoff
Slept in every class 10th grade
Slept through U.S.
Slipped up so much this year
Sloppy seconds in the balcony
Smoked in the bathroom
Smuggs '08
So much work in 7th grade
Spanish
Spend so much time being mad at teachers
Spent all my money at JP Licks
Spent so much money in the Bahamas
Spent so much time being mad at teachers
Spiked my hair at prom
Sprit-ay poisoning
Squad up that Sunday and eventually got hit in the head with a bat
Stats AP; Philosophy
Stayed here...
Stressed for no reason
Stressed out
Stressed out over unimportant things
Summer '08
Take a lot of A.P.'s
Take AP Econ
Take AP Econ
Take APUSH, AP Econ
Take Calc
Take French
Take Physics Honors
Taken AP Bio
Taken AP Bio
Taken AP Biology
Taken AP Biology and AP Chemistry at the same time
Taken AP Chemistry
Taken AP Comp Sci
Taken AP Computer Science
Taken AP Econ
Taken AP Econ
Taken AP Economics
Taken AP Gov
Taken AP Literature
Taken AP Stats
Taken Art History
Taken Chemistry
Taken Chemistry
Taken Chinese
Taken Chinese with Chiu and Wang
Taken Dr. Yu's Chemistry honors class
Taken Enviromental Science
Taken French
Taken French
Taken French
Taken French
Taken French
Taken French
Taken French
Taken French
Taken French
Taken French ... it ruined my life
Taken French for 5 years
Taken French, taken AP Chem and AP Bio in the same year
Taken French, worn those shorts
Taken Greek Philosophy
Taken Greek Philosophy
Taken Greek Philosophy
Taken Greek Philosophy
Taken Greek Philosophy
Taken Honors Math
Taken Latin Honors
Taken Music Theory
Taken Philosophy
Taken Physics
Taken Physics 1
Taken Physics 1 senior year
Taken Physics Honors
Taken Physics Senior year
Taken really hard classes
Taken Spanish
Taken Spanish/tried
Taken Statistics
Taken Statistics
Taken Stats
Taken Stats
Taken Stats senior year
Talked to Cmmorgan
Teased Tick-Tock and made him leave the school
That hotel party in 10th grade... bad idea
That one night at Waterloo
That picture
Things I wish I hadn't done
Thrown milk down the stairs
Thrown the eraser
Toucan
Tried 8th grade
Varsity crew for 6 years
Waited till Senior year to fall in love with Ron
Walked into that room at Smuggs with Officer Farva in there
Wasted 30 normal Pokeball on Mewtwo
Wasted 7th and 8th grade
Wasted so much time
Wear a dress to school with Naoise, Christian, and Greg
Witness the change in Curtis Jackson after Heho
Worn Baby Phat sneakers
Wrote the answers to the test on my hand (10th grade)
You know who you are
Youth CAN
Zegler

Lauren Anderson

It seems just yesterday you were a kid,
Watching everything that we did.
Now we're watching you graduate--
The beautiful young woman we helped create!
On wings of knowledge you will fly;
Following your vision and rising high.
Lauren we couldn't be prouder of you;
We wish you success in all that you do.
Remember one thing we want you to know:
Our love is with you wherever you go.

With all our love,

Daddy, Mommy & Michael

Senior Section

Things I'm Glad I Did

2 years with Mr. Akeson
Accepted the curls
Acquired senioritis early
AP Computer Science
AP Physics with Mr. Southwick :)
AP Physics, procrastination, apply to Northeastern
AP Spanish
AP Spanish, AP Euro
APES, English Honors, Bio Honors, US Hist. II
APES watch Faculty Talent Show
Applied to college early action so I could relax senior year
Apply to Cornell
Art honors, AP Art
Ask Marvell to prom
Ask out my crush of 2 years
Ballet
Basically no work senior year
Be a part of the GSA for 7 years
Be a praefect outside a Chinese Comp class
Beat Sonny Phan in a duel
Became a JP kid
Became friends with the Italians
Became single for most of senior year
Become a cheerleader
Become a Flynnette, take Comp Chinese instead of Greek, play Rockband in English
Become friends with A. Robyn Casper
Becoming BFFs with Mr. Mcdonough
Been an active member of JCL
Bio Honors
Bio Honors w/ Gauthier
BLS Crew
BLS Theatre Company; Ballroom Dance
Both research papers
Bothered Mr. Veiga in study all year long
Break up with Justin before seeing him face to face
Bring coffee to school
Build ant farms around the school
Carnero's sombrero
Chair
Chamber choir/chorus for all 6 years
Chinese Comp
Choir
College App Party 09
College apps early
Completely slack off senior year
Computer Science
Crew
Cupcake her
Date one of the most popular yet caring and loyal guys in school
Decide to have Bobby Akes for junior and senior year, acting in Connections
Decided to join Show Choir in 8th grade
Dip in the auditorium
Drop AP Gov
Drop out of strings
Drop three grand on Baha
Dropped out of that math class
Eastern Europe '08
Eastern Europe '09
Eat so many Payette Paninis
Economics
English 11 Honors w/ Ms. Liu
Facing History
Fail 8th grade Latin and have to take 1st year Latin in 9th grade
Fall down those stairs on New Years
Fill out this survey
Flip out in Spanish class
Florida '09
Get drazie in BAHA
Get good grades 9th-12th
Get held back
Get my swag on at the post spot
Get to know Diana Willard
Get to know so many great people
Get to know the administrators
Girls' hockey
Give myself up to JP
Go on the DC trip
Go on the Eastern Europe trip
Go on the roof
Go out with Yiling
Go outside comfort zone to make new friends
Go to Eastern Europe
Go to France w/ Ms. Brun, Flute Ensemble
Go to school
Go to Starbucks in the middle of the school day
Go to the roof
Got close to people
Got involved in STAND
Got involved in theatre
Gotten help from Ms. Moylan, met Ms. Colon
Graduate
Graduating
Great Outdoors Club/Swim Team
Had Mr. Klein for Chem 1
Have a seizure in the Galleria
Herd sheep
Hide and seek at Guanahani
Hockey Skip Day
Hold Shirley's hand
Humanities
Improve my grades 11th + 12th grade
Join GSA
Join the volleyball team
Joined BLSTV
Joined the crew team
Joined the swim team, slept out in the rain
JP Licks
Kept on truckin'
Kiss Brendan O'Brien
Know who my real friends are
Learn the PokeRap
Leave and go to the beach
Made friends and partied
Made people cry
Make a leap of faith
Make friends and dump the haters
Make money
Meet Allie Ng
Meet Allie, Kwu, Angie, Hung, Pablo, Marvell
Meet Michelle Yan
Meet Mr. Gauthier
Meet Rico
Meet Victoria Tran-Trinh
Meeting Yan Chen, Alice Shen and Melissa Chin
Met Mr. G
Met Pablo, Chanfan, Marvell, Lorenzo and Sean Hackel
Music program
Not stress about school so much
Not try
Novice crew '06
Only taken one AP...Art
Pay that $3,000 for Baha
Peter Pan
Peter Pan & EE trip
Photo Club
Play Counter-Strike
Play softball
Play sports
Play viola, been part of Theatre Company
Played Counter-strike for the last month
Played hockey
Played three sports
Posted, tough
Procrastinated
Red cross, made Justin cry
Regular government
Relax and discover lots of good stories
Sail on a boat
Save Metropolis from Lex Luther
Save up and go to Italy and Brazil
Science fair
See Notorious with Jean and Joey
Senior TechAide
Separated myself from fake people
Sherm
Skip last period on the last day of 11th grade
Skipped almost all of tenth grade
Skipped last public dec to go prom dress shopping
Slap Justin Lloyd
Sleep
Sleep in class
Sleep in Veiga's class
Sleeping during many pointless lectures
Slept through half my classes
Sneak coffee into school every morning
Snowboarding club, AP Spanish
Snuck into peelot/cheerleading
Spend senior year playing video games
Spend time in the library
Spritzay before da club
Start lifting
Start my club
Stay home "sick"
Stayed on Basketball team even when I didn't play enough
Stick to my convictions
Strategically insert naptime in classes
Summer Search
Survive
Swimming and volleyball
Take a second language
Take AP Catullus '08
Take AP Computer Science
Take AP Euro
Take AP Italian
Take AP Moustaches
Take AP Writing with Mr. Mikalitis
Take APUSH, APChem + AP Bio + English Honors junior year
Take art
Take Art History
Take Art History, take advantage of opportunities in 11th grade
Take Chem w/ Izzo and Humanities w/ Mulhern
Take Chinese
Take Chinese Comp
Take Chinese Comp, got a tattoo
Take Economics
Take Facing
Take Facing
Take FHAO
Take German
Take Honors English with Ms. Liu
Take Italian
Take Italian, make such good friends
Take Ms. Myerte's AP Italian
Take myth tradition
Take SPED Latin
Take the easiest course possible senior year
Take Visual and AP Art
Taken AP Literature
Taken AP Statistics
Taken Art History
Taken band, taking chemistry with E.T.
Taken Bio Honors, Eng. Honors, Ap Eng, Lit, Gov't
Taken Chinese
Taken Spanish instead of French
Taking computer, beat 3 n64 games in class
The french fry thing
Theatre
Throw pie at Liam
Took a wheelchair on a joy ride
Took AP Writing - best class ever
Took Facing
Took Facing History
Took French
Took Humanities
Took Italian
Track
Transferred out of Humanities into Izzo's chem class
Try in school
Try new things
Try out for the BLS soccer team
Volleyball
Walk
Wall, annunce, BC, Latin Spot, Petes, CB
Weird, but glad I came here
Went on a boat
Went out with Sam Ghannam
Went to the roof
Went up to the roof
Witnessed a mental breakdown in Byrnzy's Cape house
Wore spandex almost everyday
Work in Flynn's office/get to know my teachers
Worked harder in my last two years
Yelled at my math teacher
Your mom

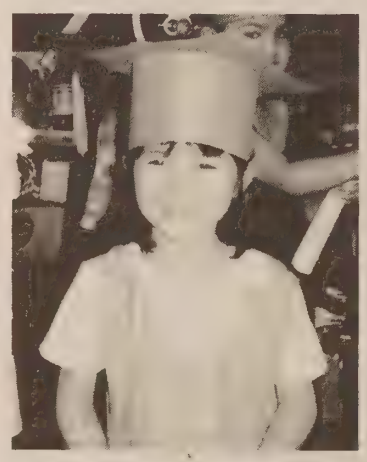
Things I'm Glad I Didn't Do

02132
A Senior Prank
All my volunteer hours
AP Biology
AP Biology
AP Biology
AP Biology
AP Economics
AP Economics
AP Economics
AP Economics
AP Economics
AP Gov
AP Government
AP Government
AP Latin
AP Physics
AP Statistics
AP US History
AP US History
AP US History
Baha
Baha
Baha '09
Be a slut
Be with someone else
Bean a squidly squid
Become a vampire
Become a Westie
Become a Westie kid and pack lips
Become Westie trash
Been a vampire
Befriend certain people
Bought a pair of Uggs because they are UGGly
Break my bones
Calculus
Cave into peer pressure
Cheat
Cheat in Dr. Neary's class
Cheat my way through here, like some people
Choose Harvard :)
Come to BLS as a sixie
Commit arson
Commit suicide
Cook pancakes
Cook pancakes in school
Create an army of clones to take over the school
Crew
Date a tool box
Date anyone from this school
Date anyone in school
Date the wrong guy
Decide not to come to BLS
Drink and Derive
Drink in the woods
Drink with the band
Drop out of AP Italian
Drop out of Math Honors
Dropped the soap
Drugs and Alcohol
Drugs, alcohol, anything illegal
Eat cheerios with water
Eat fried dough
Eat junk food
Eat Taco Bell before activities
Eating that coconut in the Bahamas
Ever got in a fight with Helena
Extra Math classes
Fail 9th and 10th grade
Fail a class
Failed
Florida '09 training
Football
Football
French
French
French
French
Frolic
Get caught
Get censured
Get censured by Ms. Pagos
Get expelled
Get fat
Get held back
Get in trouble with Mr. Flynn
Get kept from graduating
Give up
Give up and transfer schools
Go to Austin Prep in Reading
Go to Baha
Go to church
Go to class
Go to DC again
Go to Hooter's on the DC trip
Go to McLaughlin's on Thanksgiving break in 8th grade
Go to Mexico
Go to my post
Go to the Bahamas
Go to Westie parties
Gone to Prom
Got caught
Got kept back
Got swine flu
Greek Philosophy
Greek Philosophy
Greek Philosophy
Greek Philosophy
Greek Philosophy & Facing History
Greek/Greek Philosophy
Grow up in Westie
Hang out with Westie kids
Have a child
Have sex with anyone in this school
Hit Mr. Martin's wife with a snowball
Homework
Homework, sorry guys I'm still going to college
Hurt a small Asian floormaster
Join BLS as a sixie
Just wear my vest at prom, study a lot and still get bad grades
Keep playing chicken Hien
Kill the head coach
Kill the Jews
Learn to play Counterstrike
Leave BLS
Let BLS be a priority
Let it out
Let junior year get the best of me
Let the school change me
Live in JP
Make a bet with Andrew
Make the Volleyball team
Milhouse Martinelli
More than 1 year of Physics
My APES-AP Bio Homework
My last two Greek Philosophy papers
My laundry/go to diamond parties
Not destroying all comers
Participate
Participate in the DrR1 vs DrR7 haiku war
Pay attention in French 4 Honors
Physics
Physics
Pie
Pierce my nipple
Plagiarizing
Played chicken against Michelle Hien
Poop in the bathroom
Pretend I was from Westie just because I hung out there every weekend
Proposed to Ms. Markiewicz
Pull the fire alarms
Pull the fire alarms
Put effort into school
Randomly hook up
Read any of my English books
Religion
Repeat a grade
Ruin my reputation until senior year
Say yes to Perry
Senior Skip Day
Set the school on fire (yet)
Sleep over at Sam's house because he has to go to bed at 8
Smoke in the bathroom
Spend all my money
Sports
Spritzy mixed with Coke
Start fires making pancakes
Stay on the football team
Stayed in AP Government
Stayed on the track team
Switch out of German
Take 2 math classes
Take a science junior year
Take all those AP science classes
Take AP Gov
Take AP US Government
Take AP's senior year, that stupid home electrical evaluation
Take French
Take Greek Philosophy
Take Math Honors
Take Philosophy or Humanities
Take Physics
Take Physics
Take poop in the urinal
Take science senior year
Take Spanish
Take the SATs again
Taken AP Spanish Lit
Taken math or science senior year
The senior research paper
Theater
Too many drugs
Too much homework
Transfer out
Transfer to BLA, write on the bathroom walls about people
Try
Try hard after 2nd term
Try in 7th or 8th grade
Try too hard
Use the initials of my friends names to make a group
Wear Phat Farm shoes in 7th grade
Weed
Westie
Work during senior year
Work really hard
Worshipped Greg McQuaid and company
Yell at people the way I wanted to
Zegler

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." - Dr. Seuss

Dear Denise,

From



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You have made us proud of you every single step of the way.
We love you so much, and we always will.
Best Wishes,
Daddy, Mommy, Beverly & Laura

Congratulations Class of 2009!

Stephanie, we are so proud of you!! Good luck in the next chapter of your life!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Joe and Gabriela

Senior Section

Yeah, It was me: I confess to...

Absolutely nothing fool
Accidentally laughing when Emma G. passed out in Facing
Actually being T-Pain
Actually liking Ms. Ledang
Actually wanting to take Suki to prom
Aiding in a plot to ambush Fox News when they were parked out front and staging it like a bad horror movie
Almost pulling the fire alarm while daydreaming and playing
Asking Ms. Teixeira to prom
Being a BAMF
Being a bully
Being a playa
Being a tool
Being a true Regina George
Being a vampire
Being awesome
Being Batman
Being emo
Being gay
Being Justin Lloyd
Being real wacky at prom
Being so hot that I'm fanning myself, so hot I'm a fan of myself
Being too chicken to skip class
Being wicked Asian ^_^
Breaking and entering
Breaking the honor code consistently this year
BSing my senior paper
Bullying
Calling Erika Leard's house when she skipped with James in the 7th grade
Cheating
Cheating on all my Latin tests
Cheating on my 8th grade Math final
Cheating...a lot
Chonicalling the life of John Harrington in the restrooms
Climbing onto the roof
Climbing out the window in 7th grade
Committing the Great Train Robbery
Crying when Mufasa died in The Lion King
Decorating the ceilings of the boy's bathrooms
Destroying things
Dognapping Osage
Doing absolutely nothing
Drawing obscene images on the bulletin board in Myth
Exploring the roof
Facebook stalking you all night long
Falling in love with Allie
Falling in love with Huy
Falling in love with Tommy Lin
Falling love with Gerry Bilodeau
Farting a lot
Farting in class when I should have gone to the bathroom
Farting on the train
Farting so bad in Ms. Hauck's class in 9th grade I made a girl cry
Fighting Hillary Duff in the hallway
Flipping the chairs
Getting a boob and nose job and pretending I was sick
Getting a needle stuck in my foot
Getting beat by an Asian girl in a duel
Getting caught naked in the auditorium with a certain someone
Getting into fights with almost all of my teachers
Getting lost in Boston
Getting snot all over Ms. Lewis in Latin
Getting some in the auditorium
Giving Gianno the makeover in 11th grade
Giving Greg a laxative at his house
Giving the Class of '08 the idea to use lobsters
Going to Gio's every period
Hating every cheerleader
Having a baaaaaaddd habit
Having a better life
Having a crush on all D1R1 girls
Having chlamydia in the 9th grade
Having liquid other than water in my water bottle
Having to call maitenance in DC to unclog the toilet
Hijacking several cargo ships off the coast of Somalia
Hitting on Jack Chan and Tai Nguyen
Hitting Philip with the car
Holding Mr. Rock hostage in Turpin's class
Hooking up in the basement stairwell
Hooking up on the balcony everyday
Hooking up with 6 girls
Hooking up with Greg McQuaid
I'm Break
Inviting Westie kids to parties...sorry
Jumping in the J.K. A.V. fight in 8th grade
Knights of the Higher Passage with several fellow knights
Knocking Ms. Greaves down at the sixie social
Knowing how to open everyone's lockers
Knowing who "BREAK" is
Leaving crumpled TP in the corner of bathroonm stalls
Leaving school every R7 study last year
Leaving school to get bubble tea
Letting the dogs out
Lighting the trash can on fire
Living on Facebook.com
Looking up the vampire opera
Losing my textbook and never paying for it
Make out sessions outside the auditorium
Making bacon and eggs and fresh OJ in the projector room
Making John John cry
Making out in a faculty bathroom
Making out in the fire escape stairs
Making pancakes in the projection room
Making that awesome origami
Making waffles in Euro
Messing up the BLS forums back in sixie year
Misaiming on the urinal
Monster toilet
Mushroom stamping
Never wearing a jacket
Not actually getting into MIT
Not believing in Jesus
Not turning that in
Nothing, you won't take me alive
Overflowing the toilet
Peeing in the janitor's closet
Peeing myself in 7th grade
People who look like people
Pinching your butt at the Holy Name dance
Planting bud in Kogan's locker
Playing DDR all day everyday
Pooping in the hallway
Pooping Marvell's Shoe
Pooping on the timeshare floor
Possibly holding the record for least homework
Postin at the crawlspace
Pretending to be sick in order to stay home
Probably being most absent
Procrastinating
Pulling off her wig
Punching sixies
Putting gum under the table
Raging, thrashing, wailing
Saying you're fat
Seeing a teacher changing naked in Eastern Europe
Selling drugs
Sending anonymous love letters
Sending the anonymous Valentine in 7th grade as a secret admirer
Sending Victor Tango Juliet on medical leave
Setting all those hearts ablaze
Setting my bangs on fire trying to light a smoke Setting off that fire alarm
Several murders in Switzerland
Shooting the sheriff but I didn't shoot the deputy
Showering with 3 other girls
Skipping and never getting caught
Skipping AP Spanish everyday for a month
Skipping class and going to all 3 lunches
Skipping last period on the last day of 11th grade
Skipping over 30 classes
Skipping prize dec to not go prom dress shopping
Skipping public dec to go prom dress shopping
Skipping school
Skipping school to go on field trips with my old school
Sleeping in class
Sleeping in the same bed with the valedictorian and another girl
Sleeping through the SAT II's
Smoking that sixie who thought he was cool
Smushing a peanut butter sandwich on Ms. Pagos' poster
Sneaking onto the roof like a ninja
Snorting Altoids in Chinese class
Splitting homework with everyone all of senior year
Spooning your yard
Spreading the vampire rumor
Stalling everyone's internet in comp sci
Stapling/taping everything on Luis's desk
Starting all those cafeteria applauses
Starting that food fight
Stealing a part of a bathroom faucet
Stealing all the toilet paper and selling it
Stealing donuts at NHS breakfasts
Stealing Fofo's dictionary
Stealing light bulbs from the library
Stealing Brian's electronics (don't worry, I gave them back)
Stealing Mr. Harper's Derek Jeter figurine... and breaking it
Stealing Neary's cat
Stealing the elevator key
Stealing the plants on the DC trip and being beautiful
Stealing those potato chips
Sticking the trash barrel in the way of the elevator door in the music wing
Stinking up the school after being sprayed by a skunk
Stuffing my pants
Stuffing the ballot
Suggesting Where's Waldo Day
Swearing out loud in the hallways
Tainting the sixie bookroom
Taking down all the papers on Dr. Karyda's bulletin board
Taking his virginity
Taking Ms. Chiu's cow bell
Taking smelly poops in the bathroom
Taking the last piece of candy
Talking behind your back
Talking on my cell in the library
Telling everyone about Jenn's train
Telling people the bathroom was locked when Kay was in there
Telling too many jokes
Texting
Texting in the library
That picture...you know
The Mike Schwartz mosaic
The Pink
Throwing all the parties in my abandoned house
Took a number 2 in the faculty bathroom
Tripping Mr. Baer
Using the crawl space
Using the teachers bathroom
Using too much sand when I tried to seal up the school with mortar
Voting McCain
Walking in socks and almost getting caught by Mr. Haritos
Walking in the boys' bathroom while Greg Morris was in there
Who kept a look out while Kay was pooping
Witnessing someone hide Feliciana the ruler
Writing "sexy taiger" on the chalkboard in French
Writing 1/2 my senior research paper the night before
Writing about Carolyn Evans in the bathroom Junior year
Writing HH everywhere in 8th grade
Writing on the walls

Most Unfair Thing That Has Happened to Me

79.98
10th grade english in 217
217, senior year.
217—twice.
3 detentions for cutting the LUNCH line!
8th grade
A certain overtan overweight sub put me on display in front of the class for forgetting my Chem book at home
A certain precalc teacher
A certain teacher twice a day
A fish nearly bit my nipple off
Accumulating tardies
Accused of letting someone cheat off me on Ms. Brun's final
Accused of plagarism
All of my math teachers here
Almost getting suspended
AP Bio
AP Chemistry
Art History
Being abandoned 2 weeks before
Being accused of cheating
Being accused of cheating on an open notebook test
Being accused of plagarizing because I know how to write scripts
Being banned from the library in the 10th grade for talking
Being born a Payette
Being called a racist and made into a class lesson
Being failed me for not numbering
Being forced to erase my name (written by Kelly Teahan) from my Humanities table
Being framed for infiltrating the CIA
Being held after the bell in English, 7th grade
Being home sick during swine '09
Being in the same homeroom with the Chens for 2 years
Being late for the first time after 3 years because that teacher made me walk all the way down the hallway and back for running to homeroom after decorating my friend's locker for her birthday
Being placed in Latin Tradition junior year, then Myth Tradition senior year
Being tardy
Being yelled at for something that wasn't even my fault
Ben Colb sitting on me
Blamed for broken beakers
BLS
BLS
Brena Walsh leaving Latin
Calculus
Can't win arguments against teachers
Censured for "cheating"
Censured for throwing paper airplanes
Censured in 10th grade for being harassed by a senior girl
Censured in 9th grade for something I didn't do
Charged with having a firearm in school
Chemistry I
Crashing my car twice this year
Detention for not talking
Detention for pizza
Detention for something I never did
Detention for standing next to a door
Detention for using Faculty Bathroom
Dr. Carroll getting sick and leaving my Latin class
Dropping an AP class, taking the regular class the next year and getting the same teacher
Ending up in Montes' office with 4 girls who always have girl talks
English 12 AP
English senior year
Failing English because the teacher lost all my work
Flynn suspending me
Forced to transfer English classes
Forced to transfer into room 217 English class
French
French wich that teacher
Getting 27 tardy detentions without knowing cause it wasn't on the sheets until I got 27
Getting a B- first term in AP Moustaches
Getting a B in conduct 8th grade
Getting a C+ for the year in Physics 2
Getting a D on both research papers
Getting accused of making noises in class
Getting anything below A+
Getting bitten by a vampire
Getting blamed in class for something I didn't do
Getting bopped 4x a week
Getting caught cheating
Getting caught with coffee on the last day of 10th grade, then having detention in 11th grade for it
Getting censured by Wetherby
Getting censured for bypassing the tardy desk
Getting censured for nonsense
Getting censured for pantsing Nick K on the bus
Getting censured in Greek Philosophy
Getting censured when my bubble tea exploded on the day vampires attacked the school
Getting censured without doing anything wrong and without proof
Getting deathly ill before my Vergil AP
Getting detention for disturbing class even though I was sleeping
Getting detention for going to my locker
Getting detention for having Vitamin water
Getting harassed every year by miserable teachers
Getting headphones taken away
Getting her senior year
Getting hunted for all of September '08
Getting in trouble for skipping school before I actually did
Getting into BLS
Getting kept back
Getting kicked off the hockey team sophomore year
Getting kicked out of my homeroom sixie year
Getting left behind
Getting locked in the bathroom
Getting mono from Lisa Wall's water bottle
Getting my Spanish 3 teacher
Getting pantsed. It all came down.
Getting rejected from BU
Getting shot
Getting stuck cleaning up
Getting stuck in myth tradition
Getting suspended
Getting things stolen
Getting written up by O'Malley
Getting written up for going to the bathroom
Getting yelled at a dozen times for no reason
Getting yelled at for sitting at my praefecting post w/o my lanyard
Got detention for buying chips at the vending machine
Got my student ID swiped for minimal PDA
Gotten a letter of non-graduation when I was going to graduation
Grades lower than a C in Mr. Veiga's class
Greek Philosophy
Had a certain English teacher in 10th grade....
Having 5 tests on a Monday in '07
Having a stupid lady try to teach me 11th grade English
Having Cake as a sub
Having English in Rm 207 senior year
Having my government teacher
Having no luggage on the ski trip
Having Spanish teacher twice
Having that teacher for Spanish I
Having to see her everyday
Having to spend time in 217
Having to take the AP Chinese test... twice
How Helena got into AP Chem and I didn't
I didn't get into NHS because I had a 3.49
I got put here
I think everything's fair I just don't like some things
I usually deserved what I got
I was removed from Step Squad the day MTV's Made followed me around school
It's not you, it's me
Julia Yasek
Justin Lloyd
Kicked out of class
Latin class
Life's unfair. Deal.
Like 40 detentions senior year
Lois Kessin
MBTA
Mr. Fefe
My GPA
My guidance counselor
My hair straightener
My many failed attempts at world domination
My mom handing me into the cops
My phone taken away when I was turning it off
My purse got stolen while I was taking a Stats test
My research paper getting deleted...twice
My teacher criticizing the way I dress
Nick Carter
Not being able to go to BU
Not being in '08
Not getting into AP Spanish, or Italian Jr. year
Not getting into my top school, but screw them anyway
Not getting into the college of my dreams
Not having a single class with Shirley
Not knowing Mr. G until senior year!
Not meeting Ms. Yang until this year
Nothing, I'm lucky
Officer Farva at Smuggs
Pantsed by B.O.B.
Participating in the French breakfast by force
Physics Honors
Pole and Roberto Clemente
Precalculus
Project/HW on the last week of senior year
Reachback Chinese 4
Rejected by MIT
Rejected by Swarthmore...pfft!
Resenting losing Best Rear View School
Slept on a couch for a week
Some teachers
Someone tried to steal my backpack in Connections
Spooky D & Sweden
Standing in the corner for sneezing
Staying up all night for a presentation
Suspended for possession of something never found
Swim captains, RAWR!
SWINE '09
Swine flu in Cancun and MD getting it
Tardy detention
Team rebuilding
Team Rocket
The day Obama became President
The death of abstinence
The French department
The marker fiasco
The night of January 12, 2009
Three days detention for printing in Comp lab
US History 2
Victoria Chu-Lin blaming me for taking her picture when Charlie clearly did
Voldemort threatening my life everyday
Waiting 6 years for this darn survey and not having an answer
Waitlisted to Umass Amherst
When I got censured but my friend didn't for the same thing...
When I got whooping cough
When my guidance counselor told me I was a waste of space
World History I

Sean and Lilly Deery
Congratulations on Your BLS Graduation!!
You Are Awesome!

Good Luck in All Adventures to Come Your Way!

You Will Have Ups and Downs, Fun and Frustrations, Everything in Between

Try to be Kind, Courageous, and Humble
Know We Love You Always

Mom and Dad (Auntie P & Uncle M), xoxox

Congratulations Jonathan!
Love, Mom and Dad

We are so proud of you.

Amelia,
You have come a long way. Good luck at Centre College.

Congratulations!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Erin, Anna, & Marin

Senior Section
I'd Like to Thank... For...

A. Rob...NOTHING!
AJ Milette...letting me meet Big Jimmy
Alice Shen...nothing
All the herbs...giving me something to call them, signed everyone
Allie Ng...being a friend
Allie...always being there
Allie...being my hero!!
Anthony Poles...showing us the crawl space
Ash...being such a great role model and trainer
Bill...everything
Blair Waldorf...being so well-dressed
BLS...edumacation
BLS...helping me realize my full potential
BLS...learning me
BLS...teaching me nothing
Britto...being the man
Chardovoyanne...his stories
Charig and Show Choir...keeping me sane all these years
Chenglin...all the help in Math since 8th grade
Cheyenne...saving my life many times over
Christa & the theater kids...5 years of love + "this is a pen"
CKK...being my girls
Coach E...helping me get through the last three years
Colin...Greek class
Cristhel's aunt..."your mouth says no but your eyes says yes"
Curly...being my role model
D1R1...teaching me about their girl issues
Dan...inventing the "Duggan"
Dr. Mendez...all of our long chats
Dr. Mendez...always being there
Dr. Neary...being hilarious
Dr. Neary...creating the perfect cheating atmosphere
Dr. Neary...everything
Dr. Neary...everything
Dr. Neary...never giving up
Dr. Neary...teaching us til the end
Dr. Neary...teaching us til the very end
Emily Z. ...the good times in Flynn's office
Erik Bullard...always caring
Erik Nielsen...singlehandedly defending the school from a hoard of army ants with nothing but a bottle of water, a shovel, and a Spanish-English dictionary
Erik Nielson...saving the school from invading army ants with only a paperclip and a shovel
Etienne...being the BEST!
Everyone...absolutely nothing
Everyone...encouraging me no matter what dumb stuff I did
Everyone...making school a fun experience
Gayle Leary...Canada 2009
Gio...having my back
God...watching over me
Helena Hong...screwing up my life
Helena...always being there
Hoai Le...always being amusing
Izzo...legendary stories
Izzo...making me believe in myself
Jes...being awesome
Jesus...sacrificing his life for mankind
JLui...being my only friend ever
Jodi Foster...her disgusting voice that Ali DeSantis impersonates
Joe Gallant...seducing me with his voice in every class
Johnathon Mejia...showing me every new day is a gift
Johnson...being out half the year
JP...being there
Julianna...helping me pass Greek
Julie Pokaski...running with me through the halls of our HS and screaming at the top of our lungs
Justice...being the one who's always there
Justin...being a crybaby
Justin...crying
Justin...nothing
Justine Otero...helping me find my calling
Kelly...understanding how "authentic" I am, h8 u
Kieran Lyons...being so loyal
Kieran Lyons...transferring out
Killa KB...existing
Libby...being an awesome Physics buddy
Liz Ko...being so awesome
Manny...always having a smile
Manny...being the only reason I came to school every day
Manny...keeping me company at the front door
Margaret...driving me everywhere
Mateusz, Pablo, Erik and other hot boys... giving me something to look at over the years
Mateusz...being the best-looking guy in Class I
MCM...Holding it down 24-7
Megan...always snuggling with me
Michelle Hien...all the lapdances
Michelle Hien...the head rolls and dances in Baha
Michelle Yan...everything
Mike Nguyen...being such a good friend
Mikey...laughing when no one else did
Mista G...making senior year so much more enjoyable
Mom...everything
Mommy...milk
Montague...being an amazing person
Montague...opening bathrooms for me
Moses...awesomeness
Moylan...being generally awesome all the time
Mr. Akeson...making me laugh in class every day
Mr. Akeson's brother Richard...coming in on Friday joke days to tell his "hilarious" jokes
Mr. Akeson's brother, Richard...covering for Robert Akeson
Mr. Bilodeau...being a great teacher
Mr. Britto...not forgetting what it's like to be here and being so chill
Mr. C...being the chillest sub ever
Mr. C...being the man
Mr. Charig...everything - we'll miss you!
Mr. Charig...inspirational speeches like none other
Mr. Charig...thinking I'm brilliant & showing me what true inspiration looks like
Mr. Chatovon...all his funny stories and support
Mr. Etienne, Officer Manny, and Mr. Montague...always being there to help me solve my problems & make me smile
Mr. Figueroa...having fun with the wife
Mr. Flynn...baking delicious goods and being awesome
Mr. Flynn...cream cheese frosting carrot cake
Mr. Flynn...ruining kids lives
Mr. Forina...showing us those videos
Mr. G... being a really cool guy and letting me hang out in his room
Mr. G...being the reason I stayed at BLS
Mr. G...making me understand some teachers were just nuts
Mr. Harper...being awesome
Mr. Harris...being the awesomest art teacher ever
Mr. Keitt...all the good times
Mr. Martin...getting me out of trouble
Mr. Martin...teaching me etiquette
Mr. Martin...teaching me etiquette in 9th grade
Mr. Montague
Mr. Montague and Ms. Sylvester...all their support and for always believing in me
Mr. Montague...actually helping me with college
Mr. Montague...always listening to me
Mr. Montague...always rescuing me
Mr. Montague...being awesome
Mr. Montague...being my real guidance counselor
Mr. Montague...convincing me to stay out Latin
Mr. Montague...everything
Mr. Montague...getting me into a college I want to go to
Mr. Montague...saving my life multiple times
Mr. O...making physics class so excruciatingly painful
Mr. O...making sense
Mr. O...teaching me nothing
Mr. Pitts...always being hilarious & helpful
Mr. Rodriguez...teaching me a lot this year
Mr. Simoneau...teaching me Statistics
Mr. Smith...the best Latin experience ever
Mr. Turpin...everything
Mr. Veiga...all the facebook quotes
Mr. Veiga...always listening to my problems
Mr. Watson, Mr. Montague and Ms. Moylan...letting me cry on their shoulders
Mr. Watson...the wonderful guidance
Mrs. K...getting me here
Mrs. Kelley...getting through my favorite class
Mrs. Myette...treating me like a son
Ms. Alexis...being an awesome teacher
Ms. Arnold...making us read Zinn
Ms. Caplan...making Ms. Johnson go away
Ms. Crewdson..helping me get over my shyness
Ms. E...being an amazing guidance counselor
Ms. E...being nice
Ms. E...somehow getting me into college
Ms. Esteve...getting me a job
Ms. Ferreria...teaching
Ms. Folan...allowing me to live in the guidance office
Ms. Freeman, Mr Montague, Mr. Watson, Ms. Moylan...Eastern Europe
Ms. Holm...being a Nazi
Ms. Kaplan...saving me in English
Ms. Liu...helping me write my junior year research paper
Ms. Liu...making me love Jane Austen
Ms. Liu...teaching me how to analyze
Ms. Liu...teaching me how to write a paper properly
Ms. Liu...teaching me to write a research paper
Ms. Lui...teaching me how to write a research paper
Ms. Malone & Ms. Feeley...yummy snacks
Ms. Moylan...always being cheery and helpful
Ms. Moylan...being the best guidance counselor and friend
Ms. Moylan...being there for me when I needed it
Ms. Myette...EVERYTHING
Ms. Pagos...always making sense
Ms. Palmer...standing ovations
Ms. Sylvester...always being there for me!
Ms. Sylvester...being an angel in my life and helping me survive BLS
Ms. Sylvester...being awesome
Ms. Sylvester...being the best guidance counselor ever!
Ms. Sylvester...being the greatest
Ms. Sylvester...being the only reason I stayed at BLS
Ms. Sylvester...everything
Ms. Sylvester...everything!
Ms. Sylvester...helping me throughout my entire high school career
Ms. Sylvester...helping me with everything
Ms. Tibbets...being amazing
Ms. Tibbetts...nothing
Ms. Trainor..."SPED" Latin
Ms. Trainor...making Latin class fun
Ms. Yang...being such a cutiepie
Mulhern...being awesome
Murphy...the weekends
My biffles...rocking my world
My friends...being my friends
My friends...being none other than hilarious madman jumps babies
My friends...being there through tough times in sixie year
My friends...everything
my friends...giving me my best years and memories
My friends...making it all worth it
My friends...making my time at BLS fun
My friends...making school easier
My friends...rituals and ceremonies
My mom... all the help she gave me
My orange bookbag...carrying everything for the entire time I was here at BLS
My parents...always supporting me
My parents...driving me to school and making my lunch everyday
My parents...everything
My teachers...treating me like a friend and not some random student
Myette...teaching Italian well
Myself...being sexy
Myself...enduring it this long
Myself...rocking your socks
Nabbefeld, Pagos, Neary...for the most intellectually exciting senior year a girl could have
Nature...all the snow days
NBC...leaving all the buns for me and JJ
Norman Z...being such hot eye candy
Officer Manny...always putting a smile on my face
Officer Manny...being the MAN
Olivia...getting kept back in 8th grade
O'Malley...the whale watch
Pagos...being so awesome
Pat Bannon...telling off a certain Myth teacher and looking like Wallace
Perla Rodriguez...taking attendnace in homeroom because Valentin couldn't
Pigs...being so nice
P-Lot...being there when I couldn't finding a parking spot
Priya...being awesome
Professor Dumbledore...believing in me
Queen, Chenglin, Shu Yi...all these wake up calls I needed
Rana...being awesome
Robyn...being my best friend
Roland...teaching me how to win Titan
Ron...always putting me in a good mood
Rose and Peter Chin...deciding to have a third child (Kevin Chin)
Sam...all those high-fives
Sarah Farley...taking the blame for everyone who skipped in 9th grade
Sexy (21)...Casino Kevin
Shane McKenna...managing softball
Shirley...making me happy
Shu Yi...for always being there :)
Smeagol...making life a little less miserable
South Park...fishsticks
Sparta...giving us dinner in hell
STOHCKS...tossing bomb salads
Suzi Lu & Kathleen Pierre...sticking with me through all 6 years
Teachers...teaching
The Cheesecake Factory...trying to kill me
The Class of 2009...making me realize my limitations
The customers...making me a hustler
The Linkage + Hannah...being such good friends
Theater people...always giving me something to look forward to
Tori and Denise...helping me survive BLS
Une Vielle Mistresse...French erotica
Veronica...being by my side and for all the memories that we shared
Veronica...staying a real friend for 4 years
Westie...endless entertainment in art class
Whoever it was...finding the annunce, the wall & the latin spot
Yan Chen...being my friend
Yiling...being a sweetheart
You Americans...being so funny
You guys...making senior year and my life the best ever!!!
You...everything
You...giving me the best day of my life
You...reading this

Dear Erik,
Hurry up and graduate before we claim your diploma! Just kidding, you earned it yourself !
We are so proud of you.
Lots & lots of love, Mom & Dad, Cameron, Gracelyn and the rest of your loving family.

Senior Section

Things I'd Change About BLS

7:45 AM - NEVER AGAIN
9th grade vampires
A certain Biology teacher
A lot of the English curriculum/longer lunch/better senior privileges
Abbreviate to BS
Actually have senior privileges
Add a crocodile hunting class
Air conditioned rooms
Airconditioning/heating
All the crazy rules!
Almost everything
Bad teachers (keep the good ones!)
Bad teachers and bad substitues
Bathrooms
Bathrooms, lunch, more senior privileges
Better food and PLEASE renovate the bathrooms
Better food!
Better food, please?
Better French & Latin teachers
Better lunch food
Better lunches, eat outside
Better people
Better senior privileges
Better&longer lunches, more fine arts classes
BLT
Bring back Charig
Bring back Ms. Kelly
Build a swimming pool
Busywork
Cage 8th graders
Certain rules that don't make sense
Certain subs
Certain teachers
Chinese Department
Classes with mixed grades
Cleaner bathrooms, more toilet paper and towels
Clothing optional
Co-ed bathrooms and locker rooms
Coed locker rooms, stanky food, football coaching
Coffee in halls
Diversity
Don't have to take latin
Early detention
Early dismissal on Fridays
Easier access to the roof
Everything
Everything
Everything
Everything
EVERYTHING
Everything
Everything except Manny
Everything!
Fine Arts department stay
Food
Food/lunch, teachers
Foreign language department
Free period instead of studies
French department
French department
French teachers
Get better teachers
Get rid of Greek
Get rid of incompetent teachers
Get rid of just plain bad teachers
Get rid of stupid people
Get rid of tardy detentions
Get rid of the bad teachers and keep the good ones
Getting rid of dead languages
Girls' bathrooms
Give the seniors a parking lot
Giving seniors more privileges
Go back to the old days of Ms. Kelly; just look what "help each other" did to the 9th grade!
Have a speed minimum in the hallways. People walk way too slow.
Have home economics
Having senior privileges
Having toilet paper
HDTVs and Blu-ray
Hire Mr. Bernazzani full time
Hire teachers that do not belong in a straightjacket
Hmm...where do I begin
Homework, it seriously shouldn't be that important
How about some home ec classes or such things
How they can't get rid of bad teachers
I'd make floormasters less rude
Its power to slowly suck our your soul
JP yuppie scum
Latin requirements
Leave during studies
Leaving for lunch
Less comfortable chairs
Less homework
Less homework, more teachers willing to help
Less homework/longer lunch&better senior privileges
Less Justin Lloyds
Less pyros
Less quitters, more spitters
less rumors & better food
Less skanks
Let seniors go to lunch on our last day - YOU'RE STILL HERE
Let us put people for "things I wish I hadn't done"
Let us sit on the grassy lawns
Longer lunch
Longer lunch
Longer lunch
Longer lunch times and school starts at 9 am
Longer lunches
Longer lunches
Longer lunches, more toilet paper, equal sports funding
Longer studies
LUNCH
Lunch, especially the pizza
Make it less anal retentive
Make lunch longer
Make lunch longer and add 1 minute to the gap between R6 and R7
Make school optional 4th term senior year
Make sure there's toilet paper & soap in bathrooms
Make the teachers better
More (well, any) senior privileges
More AP Moustaches classes
More art classes
More attention to people who really go through things
More democracy
More field trips
More field trips
More fire alarms
More freedom during studies
More funding for music/art
More half days
More people like Jim Montague
More picnics
More pie days
More senior privileges
More senior privileges
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More senior privileges
More senior privileges (senior parking)
More sports facilities and parking
More time between classes
More toilet paper
More toilet paper and paper towels
Morning tardy detentions
Ms. Ledang's Napoleon complex
Nap time
Nap time, Izzo for Headmaster, seats in the auditorium, AC, suitable acoustics/lighting in the auditorium
Need more alternative bros
New class AP Diddy Buff
New rules about senior week
No authority
No homework
No Latin classes
No more declamation
No more sleep deprivation
No more tardy detention
No more tardy detention. They're pointless.
No senior 2nd floor homerooms
Not being able to leave during studies
Not being able to leave for lunch
Nothing, 143 BLS
Nothing... this place is beautiful
Off campus lunch
Off-campus food!
Off-campus lunch better locker room showers
Open campus
Open campus
Open campus for seniors and juniors
Open campus, good food
Ordering senior shirts accordingly
Pagos
Parking/tardy detention
People should be more courteous in the hallways
Put a pool on the 4th floor
Put soap and toilet paper in the bathrooms
Real senior privs, tardy detention system
Rearview mirrors
Recess, naptime
Re-do the auditorium!
Relocate to Sweden
Schedule
Science department
Select staff
Senior privieges, coffee in hallways
Senior privileges
Senior privileges
Senior privileges
Senior privileges
Senior privileges
Senior privileges
Senior privileges
Senior privileges
Senior privileges
Senior privileges
Senior privileges
Senior privileges - more freedom!
Senior privileges so that we actually have them
Senior privileges, everything minus the good stuff
Senior privileges, tardy detention
Seniors go out for lunch starting in April
Seniors should have parking privileges
Shrine to Satan
Soda machines, old people
Start at 8!! Please
Strictness
Students who'd learn for learning's sake
Tardy detention
Tardy detention
Tardy detention
Tardy detention
Tardy detention
Tardy detentions
Tardy detentions
Tardy detentions
Tardy detentions system
Tardy detentions, hawaiian punch water bubblers
Tardy policy
Tardy policy
Tardy policy
Tardy policy
Tardy policy...
Tardy system
Tardy system
Teacher seniority
Teachers
Teachers
Teachers that don't let you go to the bathroom
Tenure
Tenure
The 6 day cycle
The avid incest
The bathrooms
The bathrooms (we have no toilet paper)
The bathrooms!
The floormasters, senior privileges
The food, tardy detention, useless homework
The French department
The lunches, no tardy detention, seniors have no privileges, old teachers
The plutocracy of unqualified teachers
The rules and policies for clubs
The short lunches
The system for tardy detentions
The tardy system
The tardy system
The teacher structure, senior privileges
The teachers
The teachers' attitudes/senior privileges
The ugly purple lockers
Toilet paper in the bathroom would be nice
Toilet paper/paper towels in girls' bathroom
Unfair punishment for trivial matters
Waterslides to and from every class
We need a longer lunch!
We should have a pool on the roof
Westie
What wouldn't I change?

Favorite Teachers

Mr. Bilodeau	42	Ms. Kelley	8
Mr Izzo	40	Mr. Watson	8
Ms. Liu	35	Ms. Brun	7
Dr. Neary	33	Ms. Burke	7
Mr. Mulhern	33	Ms. Caplan	7
Ms. Gauthier	32	Ms. Crewdson	7
Ms. Myette	23	Ms. Gomez	7
Ms. Freeman	20	Ms. Long	7
Mr. Harris	20	Mr. Wetherby	7
Mr. Akeson	19	Mr. Bernazzani	6
Mr. Britto	19	Mr. Byron	6
Mr. Bonds	18	Ms. Davis	6
Ms. Arnold	17	Mr. Deveney	6
Mr. Charig	14	Ms. Figueroa	6
Mr. Martin	14	Ms. Montes	6
Ms. Moon	14	Mr. Simoneau	6
Ms. Moran	13	Mr. Smith	6
Ms. Bateman	12	Ms. Teixeira	6
Mr. Mikalitis	12	Ms. Yang	6
Ms. Trainor	12	Dr. Cohee	5
Ms. Williams	12	Mr. Flynn	5
Ms. Kirkpatrick	11	Mr. Keel	5
Ms. Holm	10	Mr. Veiga	5
Ms. Sullivan	10	Mr. Balicki	4
Ms. Hauck	9	Mr. Barry	4
Ms. Gribaudo	8	Dr. Bishop	4

Janine,

Your hard work & determination has paid off. Congratulations on your graduation from BLS. We are so proud of you!

Love Mom, Dad, Elyse & David

Congratulations, Erik!

Love Mom, Dad, and Anni

Congratulations Julie Pokaski,

We're very proud of what you have accomplished!

Um Ya Ya!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Paul

Senior Section

Most Useful Thing Learned

"America and Russia are the two bastard children of Europe"
"I" before "E" except after "C"
"Laymen are the people who get laid" - Dr. Neary
"Only the shadow knows" - Izzo
"There are two kinds of people... pawers and clawers"
A sunken boat can be raised using ping pong balls
Ability to engage in autopilot during a presentation
Always ask questions, someone else is probably wondering the same thing
Always shoot high
Always work hard
Amo, amare, amavi, amatus
Anything said by Ms. Moylan
AP classes are the same as regular classes
Archimedes is the greatest mathematician of all antiquity
Art! Enviro & how to write a paper
Awkward Turtle
Ballroom dancing with Betty Davis
Beer before liquor, never sicker; liquor before beer, never fear
Bologna can cause cancer
Bondsonomics
Brad has wonderful attire
BS-ing
BSing English papers
BSing essays; learning the ABC's; people's names
BSing everything I turned in; French
Caffeine is a diuretic
Calculus, American Foreign Policy
Chlamydia is not spelt kla.
CPCTC, how to use my TI 83
Cross Bones Dance
DiRt>DiR7
Dad!
Dealing with stress, getting things done
Dip sticks to ceilings
Doing the stanky leg
Don't focus on just one thing because you might miss other opportunities
Don't make pancakes in school
Don't pass out with your shoes on
Doomsday; calculating kWh
Dropping a deuce without toilet paper
D-Will. has roast beef walls
Economics
Emergency exit hookup spot
Etiquette from Martin, to suck up in a cute voice
Every possible word you can type in a calculator
Everyone has their own problems so just be nice
Everything gives you cancer
Everything I learned in AP Moustaches
Everything in 10th grade with McCourt, Karydas, Klein, Forman, and Williams
Get to know your parents, you never know when they'll be gone for good
Girls
Good looks+intelligence=success=Calc BC
Hablando en espanol
History
How to ask for help
How to bake a cake
How to be a bad teacher
How to be black
How to be comfortable speaking in front of a crowd
How to blow bubbles out my butt
How to break a leg
How to BS
How to BS a 7-page paper and get a 96
How to BS a paper
How to BS a paper and get an A
How to bs a paper in one night
How to BS a paper the night before
How to BS a research paper
How to BS an essay
How to BS everything
How to BS important things
How to BS in the shortest amount of time
How to BS stuff and still get good grades
How to catch Pokemon
How to cheat
How to communicate and advocate for myself
How to conceal a stiffy
How to destroy things
How to dip discretely
How to do as little work as possible and still get good grades
How to do nothing at home but still get everything done
How to do tax forms
How to do the Hoedown Throwdown
How to fail
How to fake absolutely everything
How to fill out a tax form
How to flip a pen 5 feet in the air & catch it
How to fold paper boats from Kristina
How to get an "A" in a class while sleeping every day
How to get into crawlspace
How to get madd buns
How to get things done when needed
How to get to the roof thru the auditorium
How to get up to the roof
How to make a stencil
How to make a word search
How to make French toast
How to make it look like I did work
How to maneuver through the secret passage
How to not get caught sleeping in class
How to NOT hand in a research paper & get an A
How to operate on negative hours of sleep
How to pivot to let someone into a conversation
How to play CS
How to play minesweeper
How to procrastinate
How to procrastinate efficiently
How to protect myself from vampires
How to relax and still get good grades
How to restore an iPod touch
How to skillfully BS my way out of anything
How to skip classes without getting caught
How to sleep sitting up
How to sleep with my eyes open
How to sleep with only my head tilted down
How to sleep without getting caught
How to tape a poster to Ms. Montes' office ceiling
How to tell time
How to text without getting caught once
How to waterboard someone
How to write
How to write a 10 page paper in 2 hours
How to write a good paper when you have no idea what you're talking about
How to write a good research paper (thank you Ms. Liu) and also how to BS one
How to write a paper in 20 minutes
How to write a paper on no sleep
How to write a paper right before it's due
How to write a paper...in one period
How to write a research paper <3 Ms. Liu
How to write a research paper in one night
How to write an essay
How to write essays the period before its due
I can overcome very stressful things
I can type 3 pages in 35 minutes
I shouldn't believe everything on the news
If you become a banker, you lose interest
If you give a mouse a cookie he'll ask for a glass of milk
If you know yourself and your enemy, you will be successful
If you need help, get help
If you treat women like objects, they like it
It pays to suck up to teachers
It's impossible to get a girl pregnant if you're on bottom...gravity
It's not where your from, it's where you chill
It's not who you know, it's who knows you
It's not worth it
It's the nature of the beast
Jelyn is amazing
JP = love
JP is awesome
Justin Lloyd
Latin
Latin
Life isn't fair
Lizardo gets no buns
Mandalas
Math
Mike Walsh has a HUGE roostrer
Mr. Flynn's address
Mr. Gauthier's room is #222
Mr. Veiga sine hand trick
Mr. Veiga's Finger Trig Trick
Mr. Veiga's handy trick
Ms. Davis only checks the front page
Music
My name is spelt A-L-I, not E-L-I
Myth tradition, of course...
Navies do not fight on land
No matter who you are, you will always be just a number.
Norman Zhu is obsessive about certain matters
Not to shake your bum in front of the principal's kids
Opportunity cost!
Organization
Parenthetical citation
Patience
People can't change people
Pierre's family's numbers, Mr. Hibbard's number
Playing violin
Postpositives
Procrastinating
Procrastinating until the last second
Proper etiquette
Pythagory Intherum
Quadratic equation
Sexual Education with Mr. Smith...in five minutes
Sonny is 17% body fat
Spanish
Sparknotes.com
Squatting
Stick to your guns
Teachers don't give grades, we earn them
Texting without looking
That Mao died
The 3 things I need to be happy (D.C.) =)
The difference between "techno" and "house"
The meaning of life
The night is darkest just before the dawn
The polar bears are drowning
There's something cool about everybody
Things about Zoe
Third floor bathroom always has toilet paper
Time isn't wasted when you're getting wasted
Time management aka skilled procrastination
Time management skills.
To do things on time
Trust no one in high school!
T-test
Vampires exist
Vectors have length and direction
Watercolors :)
We had vampires attack
Where Mr. G's office is
Who my true friends are
Work hard play hard
Work under pressure
Write an essay in 20 minutes
Writing a 10 page paper in one night
Writing good papers in 1 night
Writing papers the night before and getting a good grade
Yogi bear: if you see a fork on the road, take it!
You can easily beat the system
You can pick your friends and you can pick your nose but you can't pick your friends' noses
You don't have to outrun the bear, just outrun the guy in front
You don't need to run - the police never actually chase you
π

Least Useful Thing Learned

9th grade math
A piece of paper can be folded in half 7 times
A vowel before -ns in Latin is always long
A, ae, ae, am, a, ae, arum, is, as, is
a2+b2=c2
Advanced Math
Algebra
American history...
Ancient Greek
Ancient Greek about Dikaiopolis
Anything about Kruger
Anything from the Twins
Anything from the West Wing
Anything in AP Chem class
Anything Latin related
Anything related to science
Anything said by the Twins
Anything in physics honors
AP Biology
AP Stats
AP-Writing
Art History
Asians get red/itchy instead of drunk
Avis, avis f. bird
Avogadro's Number
Beer before liquor, never been sicker, liquor before beer you are in the clear
BLS driving course/driver's ed
Boston Latin School seeks to ground its students...
Brain Surgery
BSing useless homework
Calculus
Calculus
Calculus
Calculus
Calculus... oh wait, I never actually learned anything in that class
Chemistry
Chemistry
Chemistry
Chemisty
Chiasmos... I already forgot what that is
Chinese
Chinese; Greek; Philosophy
Conic Sections
Convergence/divergence of a series
DiRt's bra sizes
Dead batteries were given away free of charge
Decompose a partial fraction...all of calculus
Derivatives
Digimon
Don't even get me started
Early transcendal functions
Earth Science
Earth Science
Endocrine System
English
English
Enzo has ED
Etiquette
Every minute of Latin
Everyday of French 4
Everything
Everything
Everything about Krueger
Everything in Plato's Republic
Everything in stats
Everything Latin related
Everything the last week of Senior year
Fellings matter
First declension
Francais
French
French
Geometry
Geometry
Geometry, I still can't draw a perfect circle
Girls pee sitting down
Graphing trig functions
Greek
Greek
Greek Philosophy (don't take it, kids)
History
Honestly, I love Latin, but it's useless.
How chimpanzees act in their natural habitat
How many hectares are in BLS
How not to destroy things
How to BS everything
How to BS stupid things
How to build a motor
How to catch a snail
How to crank dat soulja boy
How to do notecards properly
How to fart
How to find the slope of a tangent line
How to find the standard deviation by hand
How to get caught cheating
How to get from the café to 330 in 4 min
How to get to Crossbones, Beercan, Latin Spot, annunce and the wall
How to kill a mammoth
How to multiply matrices by hand
How to say "boat" in Greek
How to sneeze properly
How to speak
How to unclog toilets
How to use R
How to use R
How to use your job survival hints
How to wipe my dogs butt
Humanities
I could answer this if I learned anything
Imaginary Numbers
In garbage = garb age
In this paper, I will argue that...
Indian Literature
Janet <3 Sara Cheung
Justin Lloyd
Krebs Cycle
Lagrange Remainder
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin
Latin grammar
Latin itself
Latin. The whole language.
Latin; Writing; Comp
Least Useful thing learned
Limits
Living above the influence
Lizardo's phone number
Lockdown drill
Mahjong
Mao died
Math
Math
Matrices—multiplying by hand, calculus, 1/8=12.5%
Memorizing list of prepositions
Michael Jackson has touched us all (in Latin)
Mission Statement
Morticians break jaws to make smiles
Most of the things in Math class
Mr. Akeson's poop chronicles
Ms. Pagos' class is not about fish
Myth
Myth Tradition
Myth tradition... everything in there
Nereus and Darius begat Eucrante, Sao, Eudora, Thetis, Gallena, Cymothoe, Speio, Thoe, Halia, Patilea, Erato, etc.
Newton's Law of Motion
Not to sound like a broken record but...Latin
Passe simple in French - it's hardly ever used
Peeling bananas
People don't do work
Periodic table
P-hat
Physics
Physics
Physics
Physics
Physics and French
Physics Honors
Precalc
Precalc, stats... everything after prealgebra
Precalculus
Proper technique for wrangling an earthworm
Pythagorean Theorem
Quo usque tandem abutere Catilina patientia nostra?
R
R program
Rabbits eat their own feces
Riemann Sum
Sam's girlfriend is his illegitimate sister
Science
See the I's and the r's? That means he's crying.
Semper ubi sub ubi
Semper ubi sub ubi (literally)
Shakespeare
Shakespeare in Latin
Shaving
SOHCAHTOA
Some nymph turned into a tree so she wouldn't have to get with Apollo
Something math related
Spanish
Stab wounds hurt
Statistics
Stats
Stats
Stories about my teacher's family
Swooshies in Chemistry class... come on, seriously??? It's like sex ed for kindergarten
Taking off my underwear with my pants still on
Tangent lines touch awkwardly
Taylor series
That Ogun has not heard my voice in 786 years
That this is "BLS, not BLT"
The endocrine system, all of United States history (Euro should be mandatory instead!) and that making pancakes can get you suspended
The existence of Yan Ron Chen
The first declension
The Middle Ages
The miracle of childbirth
The song F = m *a
The subjunctive
The terms "hajj" and herb from the king of herbs
The way to cross bonez
The West Wing is for batty boyz
There are no such things as vampires
There are really stupid people in BLS
Things about Angie
To do all my work
Trigonometric derivatives
Trigonometry
U.S. History
What 1337 meant.
Why we have eyebrows
Words like "judicious" (you know whose class that's from)
y-hat

CONGRATULATIONS
JOHN HENRY WALL II

The Centre Bar
1664 Dorchester Ave.

CONGRATULATIONS
TAYLOR YOU MADE
IT!

WE LOVE YOU
MOM & DAD

Senior Section

I Had a Secret Crush on...

78% of the Asian girls
A Dubs
Abelard Newell
Akeson
Ali D
Alice Gelman
Alice Shen
Allie Ng
Allie Ng
Allie Ng
Allie Ng
Allie Ng
Allie Ng
Allie Ng
Allie Ng
Amelia
Anartya Mandal
Andisa Jones
Angela
Angela Cao
Angela Cao
Anna Teba
Ashley Nelson
Averril Roberts
Balicki
Betty Davis
Bianca Farro
Bill
Bilodeau
Bobby Akeson
Bobbyakes
Boone
Brad
Brian Ryner
Brian Ryner
Brigid Buck!
Candace Hensley
Cat Healey
Chad
Changed every month
Chenglin
Chloe
Chris Gu
Chris Gu
Chris Gu
Chris Montestine
Christian
Christian
Christian
Chubbs Bryson
Ciara Kennedy
Claudino Veiga
Coach Applewhite
Coach Holland
Coach Holland
Cynthia Poon
Cyrus Liu
Daddy Cronin
Dan
Dan Lynch
Dan Lynch
Dan Lynch
Darby McLaughlin
Dave Yasbeck
Derek
Diana del Solar
DJ
Dr. Neary
Dr. Neary
Dr. Neary
Elisa Cheng
Erik B.
Erik Bullard
Evan Picariello

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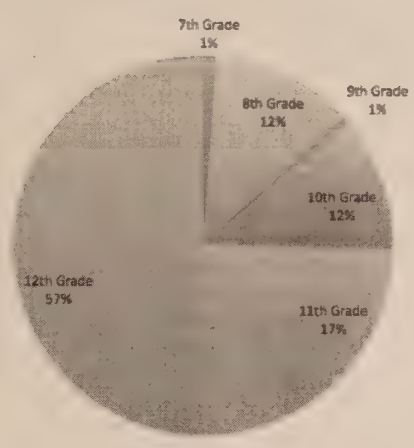
Everyone
Francesco Tena
Gabriela Carvalho
Gerry Bilodeau
Greg C.
Greg Crane
Greg Morris
Hamid Barakat
Harry Boone
Harry Boone
Harry Boone
Helena (it wasn't very secretive though)
Helena Hong
Helena Hong
Hong Chan
Hot Ms. Craven
Huy Vizzle
Huy Vo
Huy Vo
Issam
Izzo
Jack Chan
Jack Chan
Jacob the 4th floor lifeguard
Jasper Hobbs
Jenna Vraibel
Jews
Jill-Jill
Jimmy Doogan
Jimmy Li
Joe Barry
Joe Barry
Joe Callahan
Joe Callahan
Joe Gallant. But it's not a secret.
Joe Rufo
Joe Yung
John John
Jojo Clifford
Jon Park
Jon Park
Jon Park
Jon Park
Jon Park
Jordan Goldwarg
Julia Liao
Justin Shmoyd
K-Butt
Kaitlyn Saintmire
KATHRYN BESKROWNI
Kathryn Beskrowni
Katie O'Neil
Kay Smith
Keith Dwyer
Keith Dwyer
Kermshlise Picard
Kevin
Kevin
Kevin Chin
Kevin Chin + his sexy voice
Kevin McCaughey
Krueger
Laura Crystal
Lauren Anderson
Lawrence Hui
Le Nguyen
Liam Lynch
Libby
Lisa Wall (and I still do...)
Lisa Zhang

Lorenzo Albala
Luka
Luka
Luka
M to the arcella
Maddie Fitz
Maddi Ice
Maddy Fitz
Maddy Griffin
Maia Collard
Manny
Manny
Marie Carchedi
Marie Carchedi
Marvell Lahens
Marvell Lahens
Mateusz Turolski
Mateusz Turolski
Mateuzs Turolski
Meg Sutherby
Michael Heil
Michael Shippie
Michelle cubed
Michelle cubed
Michelle Hien
Michelle Yan
Mark Macchi's little brother
Mike Nguyen
Mike Nguyen
Mike Nguyen
Mike Nguyen
Mike Nguyen
Mike Walsh
Mike Walsh
Mikey Yandle
Mikey's tattoos
Mooney Teta
Moses Tran
Moses Tran
Mr. AB
Mr. Akeson, especially his plants
Mr. Balicki
Mr. Bernazzani
Mr. Bernazzani. <3.
Mr. Bilodeau
Mr. Britto
Mr. Doss
Mr. Doss
Mr. Doss
Mr. Doss's facial hair
Mr. Doss, Mumallo,
Mr. Ever Charming Mr. Flynn
Mr. Flynn
Mr. Goldwarg
Mr. Goldwarg
Mr. Goldwarg
Mr. Goldworg
Mr. Harris
Mr. Hibbard
Mr. Mulhern
Mr. Mulhern
Mr. Mulhern :)
Mr. Mummalo
Mr. Mummalo
Mr. Mummao
Mr. Mummalo
Mr. Mummolo
Mr. Mummolo
Mr. Simoneau
Mr. Southwick's student teacher
Mr. Spivokovsky

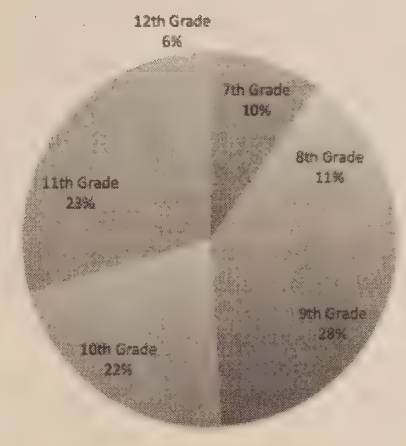
Mrs. Kirkpatrick
Ms. Burke
Ms. Davis
Ms. Gomez
Ms. Ferreira
Ms. Ferreira
Ms. Ferreira
Ms. Gomez
Ms. Holm
Ms. Kirkpatrick
Ms. Kirkpatrick
Ms. Montes
Ms. Mooney Teta
Ms. Mooney Teta
Ms. Moylan
Ms. Moylan
Ms. Moylan
Ms. O'Malley
Ms. Pagos
Ms. Pagos...she's hot.
Ms. Teixeira
Ms. Teixeira
Ms. Teixeira
Ms. Teixeira
Ms. Teixeira
Ms. Teixeira
Mumalo
Mumalo!
Nancy O'Malley
Naoise
Nghi Truong
Nicholas Fountain
Nick K.
Nick Kopsiaftis
Nico
Nico
Nobody here
Noel
Nora
Nora
Norman Zhu
Norman Zhu
Norman Zhu
Not coachie
Officer Manny
Pablo
Pablo
Pablo Chao
Pablo Chao
Pat Cronin
Pat Cronin's body
Paul Bernazzani
Paul Bernazzani
Paul Kreiner
Paul Kreiner
Paul Kreiner
Paul Trofimov
Paula
Paula Lopes
Paula Lopes
Philip Lee!
Pierre Payette
Ping Zeng
Queen Arsem-O'Malley
Quynh Dam
Quynh Dam
Rachel Banci
Ran B.
Rana Wehbe
Rana Wehbe
Raymond Chen
Rene Reyes
Rene Reyes

Renato Prime (Renoptimus)
Renato
Richard Izzo
Richard Lam
Richard Lam
Roland Du
Robin
Rufo
Ryan Snyder
Sahar Hakim
Sara Chung
Sarah Fox
Sasha FS
Sean Deery
Sean Hackle
Sean He
Sean He
Shaun Walsh
Shirley Yu
Shu-Yi
Sol Tangvik
Someone from somewhere at some time, somehow
Stanley
Stavy
Stephanie Rufo
Sydney
Sydney Moy
Syping
Syping
Tai...if only he were single...
Tai Nguyen
Tai Nguyen
Tai Nguyen
Tai's GF Yiling
Talia
Talia Thatcher
Taryn Pic
Tay G
Taylor Granara
Tebo
The bench press at Gold's Gym
The Class of 2008
The vampire
Theresa Nguyen!!
This hot Asian guy in my Calc BC class
Todd Nickols
Tom DiNardo
Tom DiNardo
Tom DiNardo
Tom DiNardo
Tom DiNardo
Tony Fun
Tony Zhu
Uh, nobody?
Vincent Duong
Warranna
Warren Luo
Warren Luo
Warren Luo
Warren Luo
wayyyyy too many girls
Whatsername
Winnie Li
Wolfie
Yiling Chen
Yukun
Yukun
Zach
Zach Regan
Zoelle Metzger

Favorite Year



Favorite Year



To Michelle Diop's Friends, Teachers, Classmates, Mentors, Counselors, Librarians, Nurses, Administrators, Maintenance Staff, and any others who (…or whom - if I had attended BLS, I think I would be able to choose the correct pronoun more often…) I may have inadvertently missed mentioning……such as you, MANNY!!!!!!:

THANK YOU for an amazing four years, an incredible journey; Going forward, it seemed so daunting; Looking back, it flew by too fast. THANK YOU for the laughter and the tears; the sadness of hard times and the joys of success. (Corny, I know, but now the trick is for you to translate all that into Latin, or you might not get to graduate.)

THANK YOU for the Friendships and the Teaching; Life Lessons that will never be forgotten and Bonds that will weave on throughout your years.

To the Esteemed, Admirable, Awesome Class of 2009: Thank you for sharing the past four years with Michelle. CONGRATULATIONS!!! You worked hard for this day. ENJOY!!!

In Appreciation,
Michelle's Mom, Sonia

p.s. Greg: You know where you can always find your Peanut M&M's….
p.p.s. Manny: You are the best! Thank you for ALL you do and for helping me PARK.
p.p.p.s. Mr. Martin: For teaching Michelle on her FIRST day at BLS and her LAST, as well as "a few more" in between and for all that you do - Thank You!

Senior Section
In Ten Years You'll Find Me...

200k+ in debt
10 years later
A hermit
A judge on Project Runway =)
Able to fly like Superman
Arresting someone
As a 4-time World Series of Pop Champion
As a doctor and rich
As a gym teacher at BLS
As a millionaire
As a pediatrician
As a pediatrician
As Belle
As James Zhang's boss
As leader of the human resistance against Skynet
As Octomom #2
As PokeMaster
As the crazy scientist who made Frankenstein
As the next Einstein
As your boss
As your primary care physician
As Yukun Li's wife
Asleep on the toilet, late for work
At a gelateria in Assisi writing a novel
At BLS
At Golds Gym gettin' my swell on asking the cashier if he has change for a billion
At Hurricane
At my street corner in Las Vegas
At the Eire
At the top
Australia
Away from my parents
Back at BLS
Back in JP being boss
Begging for change
Behind you with a shovel
Being a primordial dwarf
Being somebody and maybe starting a family
Big-time lawyer, owner of a private firm
BOATS and HOES
Breaking up Yukun Li's marriage
Brothel
Buffing most likely
Business women
But you won't know it's me
Caught beneath a landslide in a champagne supernova in the sky
Caught beneath a landslide, in a champagne supernova in the sky
Cheering on Alena for saving the world
Chillin' at Flanny
Chilling around Boston
Chilling in Alaska with Sarah Palin
Chowing on spam
Cruisin down the street in JJ's 64
Cruising down the street in my 64
Cutting the cheese
Dead
Designing military aircraft for US government
Dining with Steve Jobs!
Discovering new animal species on various continents
Dive
Doin' work on the corners...tough
Doing lighting on a cruise ship
Doing nothing and getting rich
Doing what 27 year olds do
Driving my kids to soccer in a minivan
Driving the bus
Drug trafficking in Mexico
Earning an honest but meager living as a fire-breathing coalwalker at some "exotic" location's top tourist attraction
Eating Chef Boyardi in the dark with Claudino
Eating snack packs in the hurricane
Engaged and successful
Enjoying my life wherever I am
Everywhere
Exploring the deep sea
Famous
Far beneath the landslide
Far, far away from BLS
Fighting crime as a police officer
Finally dunking
Finally out of med school
Finishing my residency
Getting more buns than a baker
Getting no buns, but more than Lizzy
Graduated with a nice job
Grazing with the sheep in Europe
Happy
Happy & better off without him
HAPPY!
Having Joe Barry's 500 kids
Herding llamas
Higher than you
Holding Misa Campo's hand in my penhouse
Homeless
Homeless and unemployed
Homeless and unemployed; 200K+ in debt
Hopefully in California
If you can...haha
In a box
In a firehouse
In a lab coat with crazy hair
In a prison cell; a tardy detention
In a sauna
In a windowless van with lots of candy and puppies
In another country
In another country
In another country
In another country (most likely) as a doctor
In Atlanta doing big things
In Boston working as a Boston Police Officer/Detective
In California
In debt up to my ears and loving it
In Forbes
In France making sculptures of naked men wearing a beret and eating a croissant
In front of PS with a coffee and Newports
In grad school
In Hollywood
In Japan
In Korea, traveling the world
In London
In Lorenzo's basement
In Mista G's office!
In NY working with an NGO, embassy, or news broadcast
In NYC
In outer space
In the news
In the same place
In the White House
Just as cool as I am now
Kickin it with Big D on park lawn street
Killing commies for my God
Lawyer
Livin' in a van down by the river
Living a crazy ass life!
Living as a hermit in the backwoods of Maine
Living at crossbones being a scary dude doing the CBD
Living comfortably
Living in a cardboard box under a bridge
Living in California
Living in DC with a job in environmental policy
Living in Europe
Living in Europe in my mansion housing all my friends from BLS
Living my life successfully
Living on Lake St. with Gloria
Living with Sol
Lliving a better life than you!
Making 6 figures
Making mad money
Making trillions of dollars as a CEO of a company and living the good life with family
Married & working
Married to a sexy Russian millionaire in Moscow
Married to Andrew Sung
Married to Eddie House
Married to James Lafferty
Married to Mr. Flynn
Married to Mr. Murhalo
Married to Rana Wehbe with 10 kids getting paid by Boston Latin for doing something completely useless that requires no skill or hard work
Married to the love of my life, who I met in Ms. Greaves' 7th grade Earth Science class
Married to Tom Felton <3 and loving the life
Married with a family
Marrried to Megan Fox. Screw her fiancé!
Naked
New York City
Not in a cubicle, probably traveling the world
Not! I am too ninja :3
On a boat
On a boat
On a boat, riding on a dolphin, doing flips
On a mother****ing boat with my flippy-floppies
On a potato farm
On a safari adventure
On an airplane
On an island
On Capitol Hill
On E! True Hollywood Story...Famous...rich
On my knees making that green
On the 7 o'clock to Chicago
On the Corner of Washington Fifth
On the cover of Forbes
On the cover of Forbes as the richest man in the world
On the edge
On the moon
On the street, telling passerby "I used to go to Boston Latin School"
On the streets, the most educated bum from Princeton - holding a sign saying "will teach Latin for $"
On your doorstep with a suitcase saying,"Mind if I crash here for a few days?"
Or will you?
Out and about, peace yo!
Out of med school and engaged/married
Owning a bar
Packing dips at the Kilmer
Partying with Allie
Peddling pharmaceuticals in New Orleans
Pestin' by mr. slim
Planning your wedding
Plastic
Playing Guitar Hero in my parents' basement
Playing saxophone, making money
Posted up like a mailbox
Posted up like a mailbox
Pregnant
Pregnant with Sonny Phan's 5th child
Probably as a psychiatrist or doing something that has to do with psychology
Probably in Europe
Probably poor
Raising sheep with Keith Dwyer
Rich; the effort doesn't mean anything
Richer than Bill Gates
Right behind you
Running around Miami as a freelance spy helping people while trying to clear my name of a burn notice and get back in the CIA
Saving the citizens of Gotham city
Saving the world
Selling seashells by the seashore
Sharing a hammock with my husband in Fiji
Shoeless and happy
Sitting at a café in Madrid
Sleeping on your couch
Solving childhood obesity
Somewhere far away from you!
Somewhere
Staring at a screen
STD-free
Still a kid
Still at BLS
Still doing the cyclone shamelessly
Still driving a Volvo
Still hiccupping
Still in BOA
Still in East Boston
Still in school
Still in school
Still in school (med school) :(
Still in tardy detention...
Still looking 18
Successful
Successful like you wouldn't know
Successful, but still working to improve myself
Successful, getting my dough with a kid and a hubby
Swimming in money
Tamtaming on Mt. Kilimanjaro
Tanning on my roof with Helena
Teaching kids to read
Teaching preschool + doing theater on the side. In a word, broke.
Tess of the D'Urbervilles
The Queen of a small country, beloved by all my people and especially my King
Traveling the world & doing anything I want
Treating our wounds as Dr. Tran
Trying to get a book published
Under a bridge in Topeka
Very sexy and successful
Where Shirley is
Who knows
With a doctorate in history, writing
With at least 4 adopted kids and the largest breed of dog I can find
With bigger boobs... no shame in plastic surgery
With Mateusz
With stacks on deck
Working & buying/designing/building my dream house
Working here in guidance
Working in an art gallery, wearing Chanel and married to a member of the Class of '07 or '08
Working in the entertainment industry
Working on Mr. Bonds' farm
You won't find me
You won't find me!

Congratulations
Justin Anfuso on your
graduation from BLS!!!!

Love, Mom, Bob and Mia

Congratulations
John Henry Wall II!
Good luck at St. Michael's!

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Editors' Farewell

Editors-in-Chief

I've read five *Argo* editor farewells and heard two presidential commencement addresses, and I've decided that there is no original way to leave high school. We reflect, cheer, cry, hug, and have our feelings neatly summed up by Vitamin C's "Graduation" (I don't know *what* people did before 2000, and kudos to this one-hit wonder for ensuring her song would play every spring).

This year felt horrendously slow at some points (March and Swine Flu Vacation, I'm looking at you), but it seems like it was only a couple of months ago that Chenglin and I were inaugurated by frantically handing out *Argo*s at graduation. And yet here we are in June, having already knighted William Poff-Webster as the next Editor-in-Chief.

It feels like all I have to show for six years of work and seventeen years of living is paper: old notebooks, a pile of college letters, a box of senior portraits, a graduation *Argo*, and of course, a diploma. As Vitamin C herself might say, I keep, I keep thinking that it's not goodbye.

There are, of course, things I am glad to be leaving: tardy detention comes to mind, group projects where you have to work with the people you'd really rather not, classes that would put an insomniac to sleep. But there are also little things that I'll miss, like knowing my schedule down to the minute (55, 44, 33, 22, 38, 27, 15, a sequence that only makes sense to Boston Latin kids), free bus passes, always knowing where my friends are, being able to find my way around blindfolded, and the alma mater statue (you have to admit, she's the bomb).

There are many who leave these halls bitterly, claiming that they won't miss BLS. So, thank you to the people who have prevented me from suffering from that same sentiment; Chenglin, you were the greatest co-EIC a girl could ask for, and I'm constantly amazed by your multitasking. Klein and Zhu, thank you for allowing Chenglin and I to take over, for teaching us, humoring us, and letting us into your dorms to deliver the latest issue, hot off the press. Mr. Flynn, thank you for being our advisor, even though we know you've been trying to escape for years. We're sorry we're such trouble that no one else wants us, and thank you for understanding that (also, thank you for pizza, baked goods, the history of BLS, and anecdotes about former students that make us feel better about our own mistakes). Bateman, thank you for being a sort-of advisor, even if you can't continue next year, and for being able to put a smile on my face, anytime, any day. Ms. Mooney Teta, thank you for putting up with us and for your genuine interest in the *Argo*; your encouragement motivated us to reach for higher standards. Ms. Liu, Mr. Mulhern, Ms. Freeman, Mr. Deveney, Ms. Elliott, thank you for teaching me all I need to know (or at least all I care to know); Ms. Arnold, you were a great teacher, a friend, a mentor, an advisor, an organizer, an editor, and a chauffeur, and your passion and energy inspire me. Mom, Dad, Dan and Tom, thanks for the rides, the coffee, the understanding, the phone calls, and for being there (even when in a different state). To the girlies: thank you for tam-tams, JP Licks, writing tributes to our favorites, and general insanity. And thank you to the *Argo* staff – I'm sorry if I called/texted/Facebooked you on Saturday nights to yell questions at you; you guys are great, even if you're not so great at deadlines (Cynthia and Sydney, you're both fabulous beyond words for helping us on weekends while we squinted at InDesign for hours upon hours).

BLS is an institution of learning, and I certainly have learned plenty – things like: Sometimes there are stupid, waste-of-time things that you have to finish, no matter how pointless they are or how much complaining you do (though milkshakes can make those things better). There are always more cops in construction zones. Macs > PCs. Justin Timberlake should be a cast member on *Saturday Night Live*. Mr. Flynn isn't as mean as he looks. And, finally, even though we complain about classmates or teachers or rules or administrators, the students at Boston Latin are a pretty great bunch. And even though we may slack off, procrastinate, or BS, we get some pretty great things done. So, Class of '09, as we go on, we remember all the times we had together, and as our lives change from whatever, we will still be friends forever. See you in November.

—Queen

An old idiom goes, "Time flies when you're having fun." And time has indeed flown by as I look back on my six years at Boston Latin School and five years of fun-filled Argo production weeks. In my mind's eye, it seems like yesterday when Queen and I hauled thousands of freshly printed Argos to graduation, taking on our new responsibilities as Editors-in-Chief, which included once in a while soiling our hands and clothes (as well as face, in Queen's case) with newspaper ink.

Of course, my six years at BLS were not all fun. I think one thing we've all learned from our time here is that success is never easy. We've also learned that tribulations make us stronger. My most unforgettable memory of Argo was trudging through the snow after the huge blizzard last year on a weekday, sipping a Dunkin' Donuts hot chocolate through a straw and not being able to feel my fingers or ears. Only the Argo staff would think of relocating to Roslindale and sleeping over in order to finish the newspaper, and insanely calling Superintendent Johnson's office dozens of times disguised as parents, complaining about the inconvenience the blizzard has caused, and how a snow day should be announced for the following day. And in the end, they succeeded. This is why I have so much respect for the Argo team. Their endless hard work and creativity (at times of necessity) garnered my greatest admiration and highest regard for them and for the newspaper. Even now, I don't think people realize how much we love the Argo. How else would we have the willpower to spend ten-plus hours nonstop editing and working on layout on a Saturday, not to mention acting like hobos, sitting on the floor of Copley Plaza at night near Au Bon Pain so we could use their free wifi? These were truly the best of times.

When asked what we would miss most about Boston Latin, most seniors immediately responded with, "my friends," and it is truly the people who have made my life here unforgettable and for that I am eternally grateful. Queen, my partner in crime, you are the best fellow EIC anyone can have, always able to whip out an article or Editors' Note in less than 30 minutes. I still don't understand how you do it. Cynthia, thanks for the countless rides home and for helping me edit and layout in the wee hours of the morning while we pig out on Chinese takeout. Also, for the turkey article, which always succeeded in making me laugh. And, thank you both for all the surprises: the secret haiku messages, the valentine cards, the Moleskine, and especially, NYC 18.5. I can't wait for our future escapades. To Sydney, the miracle worker and problem solver, we had a hilarious time looking for wifi during our D.C. trip. To Mr. Flynn, thank you so much for your guidance and for having our backs every time we got into trouble. Also, thank you for the pizza every production week, which has now become a tradition forever engrained in Argo history. I know we are a handful but I can't think of a better or more suitable advisor. Thank you Ms. Mooney Teta for giving us your genuine interest and unwavering support. Dr. Mendez, Ms. Cousens, and Ms. Moylan, thank you for being my mentor and friend. Ms. Freeman, Mr. Bilodeau, Mr. Southwick, Mr. Akeson, Ms. Bateman, Ms. Liu, and Mr. Charig, you have taught me so much; thank you for inspiring and motivating me with your own passion. Also, thank you Mom and Dad for the many life lessons you've taught me; without your love and support, I would not be who I am today. And finally, to all my friends (you know who you are) and the Class of 2009! I am so privileged to have grown up with you through all these years. Even though we've all had our ups and downs, when I look back on my six years at BLS, I know that "now whatever way our stories end, I know you have rewritten mine by being my friend. Who can say if I've been changed for the better? But, because I knew you, I have been changed for good." Congratulations Class of 2009!

—Chenglin

News

With the recent global recession, the United States has seen a major decline in the popularity of newspapers everywhere. More and more people get their news from the internet and recently, Boston Globe employees have had to endure huge pay cuts.

Here at the Argo, we experienced a similar quandary in the fall when the school system was hit hard by the notorious budget cuts. Thankfully, the school cares more about its newspaper than its arts department, so we are still alive and in business, and we editors have worked tirelessly from September to May (okay, maybe only until December) to bring you the most popular and most wonderful section of the Argo: News!

Okay so even if News is the best section in the Argo, we know that a lot of students don't really care. They would rather flip to the crossword, or the horoscope, or anything other than the news. Yes, we know that this happens, because we have seen it with our own eyes. All right, maybe we've done it once or twice too, but that's beside the point.

The message that we News Editors want to convey to all of you who could not care less about the news in general is this: Awareness is the first step to making the world a better place. News allows us to achieve this so-called awareness. Thanks to the media, which includes television, radio, and excellent publications such as the Argo, people know what is going on in their communities and in the world. It's only after you learn about the details of the recession or the swine flu that you know to stop spending so much or to avoid large groups of infected students.

In short, keeping up to date with current events through newspapers like the Argo will make you a better, and generally less ignorant, person. So yes, even if you just start off by reading the Global Tidbits, it's a good beginning and without a doubt, you will soon be on your way to becoming a news whiz.

Chances are though, if you don't usually read the News section, you're not going even glance at these farewells. So we've decided to dedicate the last part of this farewell to those who actually care.

First of all, thank you to all of our loyal readers. Even though you might not be the majority, you still hold the outmost importance in our minds.

Secondly, to the dear Editors-in-Chief Queen and Chenglin, thanks so much for covering for us when we were not as prepared as we would have liked to be.

And finally, we would like to give the biggest and warmest thanks to our beloved writers. For all the times you submitted your articles on time, we thank you. For all the times you turned them in at 8 PM on Final Friday, we forgive you (sort of). And for every single article you have written for the News section, you will always have our sincere appreciation.

Good luck to next year's News Editors Maya and David. You guys did a great job this issue and we're sure you will keep up the good work. We're certain that News will continue to be the most outstanding and brilliant section for many years to come!

—Yukun and Caroline

Forum

When I first read the grad issue of the Argo in '04, I never imagined myself writing one of the editors' farewells. But here I am now, five years later, trying to write my share of these two pages alone because Will Poff-Webster (II) is forbidden to have a word here. :(

As I look back on last year's issue for some inspiration, I can't help but wonder how my last two years at Boston Latin would have been like if I hadn't been recruited to write and edit. I know for sure that I wouldn't have gotten to know so many amazing people on the Argo staff, nor would that ridiculous trip to New York have happened.

But first, a thank you is in order for some very important people. To Xiaoli Mi '08 for dragging me to the Tuesday meetings in 114 last year, thank you so much for making me apart of The Good Ship Argo. Next, to Ari Klickstein for being my editor, mentor, and most importantly, friend! Thank you so much for coming back Issue 3 to help edit while Queen and I wrote our front page article. Third, to my Editors-in-Chief; you guys put so much friggen time and effort to make this paper a work of art, thank you for giving up your weekends just to finish what we didn't. :) To the Honorable Mr. Flynn, thank you so much for filling our bellies with that delicious BBQ chicken pizza every Final Friday. We discovered your secret this year, and are planning on starting a new tradition of a potluck instead of pizza. But, thank you again, not only for feeding us hungry teenagers, but also for being our advisor and Facebook friend. And finally to someone who is rarely, if ever, thanked: to Ms. Powell, for giving up your room every Tuesday for our Argo meetings. Thank you for dealing with our rowdiness and the mayhem that comes with the school newspaper!

Now for the little bits of advice all you underclassmen have been waiting for, advice that will hopefully make you a successful student at BLS. Number one, Boston Latin School needs to be spelled out when it is first mentioned in an article. Two, a page is about 1800 words, including pictures. And finally, three, layout is your friend; they perform miracles for the Argo. Okay, maybe that isn't too useful to the general public, so here are some more: Four, making your punctuation a couple font sizes bigger does make your paper longer. Five, the water from the fountains in our school is fine as long as you don't look at the actual water. Six, Facebook and AIM are a waste of time; don't succumb to them! Seven, join the ballroom dancing club; Mrs. Davis is an amazing teacher! Eight, start early—it doesn't matter what it is, just start early. And lastly, lucky number nine, eyebrows save lives! Don't ever shave yours off.

To the Class of '09, thank you so much for the last six years! It's been a privilege growing up with you guys. To the photo editors, you have saved me (and my section) countless times, when something or someone needed to be Photoshopped into a photo taken from Facebook. Thank you for your unappreciated hard work! To my co-editor Will, good luck next year as Editor-in-Chief! You were supposed to take over Forum, but I guess people move on to bigger

Editors' Farewell

and better things. You're in the big leagues now. Make us proud, and make sure Andy Vo is EIC after you! Keep an eye out for Bobby and B. — they're the troublemakers in the photo lab. (Actually, they're supposed to be EIC after Andy. Just a reminder.)

Cheers!

—Cynthia

A&E

Someone once said, "Every ending has a new beginning." Whether you were counting down the days or just passing them by, each of you has just ended a chapter of your life. A chapter filled with both wonderful and not-so-wonderful memories. While reflecting back on these memories, I have come to realize how much everyone has changed from sixie year, some more subtle then others. Another realization is that high school has just ended. Although I knew this was inevitable, it has never hit me quite so much as it has these past few weeks. I recognize that the next time I enter Boston Latin, it will be as an alumni visiting, not as a student. I also realize that I won't have any required reading reports to do this summer, and that next year I won't have to rush into homeroom at 7:44 each morning. I won't have to sit through seven periods a day, watching the clock tick-tock its way to 8:55, 9:44, 10:33, 11:22, lunch, 1:27, or 2:15. Most of all, I will no longer be part of the Wolfpack, but part of the Jumbos.

However, in some ways, things will remain the same. Some people believe that high school never ends. The real world will be filled with the same situations that we have learned in high school. We will have to work under pressure and deal with a variety of different people. Graduating from BLS, a school that crams kids from all over Boston into an intense academic environment; we should all feel ready for what is to come next year.

Although I don't know what the future has in store for any of us, I want you all to promise to try something new next year. Be spontaneous. Yeah, you can expect to go to college and make your way towards a good career. But it is those unexpected, ephemeral things you do just for the fun of it that will change your life and remain with you forever. We're still all teenagers, there's plenty of time for us to go out there and do anything we want. Why waste that?

I would like to end this chapter of my life by thanking the Class of '09 for making my high school years amazing ones. I have come to love the people of this class. No matter what anyone says, BLS has been a positive experience for me because of you guys. I would also like to thank all the faculty that I had that chance to interact with, especially Ms. Sylvester and Mr. Southwick. I would like to express gratitude to my parents for being supportive of me all these years—raising a teenager is a pretty tough job. To my sister Beverly, I'd like to say, "Thanks for being one of my best friends and have fun next year as a junior, sis!" Next, I'd like to thank all the kids in homeroom 135 and Mr. Barry. Being a homeroom rep for you all was a great privilege. Even if now he feels that he's too cool to write a farewell, I'd like to thank Kevin McCaughey, my co-editor, for being my *Argo* A&E ally this whole year. I'd also like to say that no one is too cool for the *Argo*. It has been the one activity that I have stuck with all these years; it gave me a chance to be creative and let my opinions shine through. It has also given me a place to say a farewell to you all, something that I greatly appreciate. Being a part of the newspaper staff will be something that will remain with me as I refer my high school days (that and our crazy senior year filled with vampires and swine-cation). Next year, I have given over my seat to Andy Vo, and I know he'll keep the Argo from sinking. Go get that Golden Fleece!

In the end, goodbyes are never easy. So I hope that by saying so I am just making the next moment we say hello come sooner. So, *valete*! Go and get 'em.

—Denise

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Sports

Whether it is on the soccer or football field, on the basketball, tennis, or volleyball court, on the track, on the ice, on the baseball or softball diamond, on the golf course, on the wrestling mat, or in the water: this where we put everything on the line for every game, match, or meet.

For seniors, there is nothing like putting on your Boston Latin School uniform for the last time. For some, this is the end. Never again will they wear their cup, tie their cleats, sharpen their skates, or slip into their Speedos. Remember the first time you put on your school uniform? The last time you do it will send chills up your spine. On October 28th, I had the opportunity to play in my BLS soccer jersey for the final time. And it was an experience I will never forget.

Gerry Callahan, in his article titled "For Seniors, A Moment Like No Other" which comes out in *The Boston Herald* every Thanksgiving, wrote, "You are a senior in high school, and a couple of your teammates hope to play next year in college. They hope this is just a step, the first chapter in a long, glorious football career. There was a time when you had the same goal, the dream, but now, deep down, you're pretty sure it will never happen. This is it, the end of the line."

After what transpired a few weeks ago (aka the swine flu disaster = cancellation of their seasons), some seniors on the spring sports teams will never get the chance to play for their school for the last time. As reported first on BLS' new website, the boys tennis and softball teams will play in their respective tournaments. The track team will race in the Division I Championships, and the crew team will go to Nationals.

But what about the volleyball team, which had to forfeit its first round playoff match against Lawrence? What about the baseball team, which still had two games left to play?

It's a travesty that their seasons got cancelled, with games still left on the schedule, and all because of the swine flu.

Those seniors, some of whom I know very well, will never get to wear their school uniform for the last time in their last high school game. And I can't help but feel their pain too.

And why won't they get that once-in-a-lifetime opportunity? Not because they were injured or benched by their coach. But, as Mr. Izzo would say, because of those darn swines.

And now that I got my feelings across on this whole matter, it's time for some shout-outs.

Marra, Nacho, Mateusz, Pablo, Ivan, Nick, Callahan, Ariel, Bullard, Derek, Ricardo, Mike W, Kyle, Fox, Ryan, Tomas, Labeck, Gabe, Hugh, Tiny, Andre, Elvin, Roger, Owen, Benny, Chase, Carlos: The season was definitely one NOT to remember but it sure was a memorable one. From " (insert your name here) Where's da money?" to "I don't care!" to "We need to play with more passion, more aggressivity!", the list could go on and on about the different sayings we all laughed at. It was great playing with all of you, even though we only won one game. But at least that's better than no wins at all, right? And to the BLS team next year: DO WORK!

Chenglin, Queen, Draper, Yukun, Cynthia, Kevin, Denise, Marshall, Lauren, Suzi, Elisa, Shu-Yi, Kathleen, Sydney, Cynthia, Nora, Alice, Michelle, Philip: Best *Argo* staff ever. Period. I had so much fun with all of you during production weeks, from racing in the hallways to watching *The Dark Knight* to not doing anything from Monday - Thursday and finishing all of our work on Final Friday. You all have become my best friends here at school, and I'm going to miss all of you guys. And Sanchay...try not to pick any fights with the other editors next year.

—René

Copy Editing

Dearest *Argo* staff, associates and writers,

We, Copy staff, have enjoyed correcting and rewriting all the repetitive, monotone agony that you writers call articles. As soon as we retrieve those precious kilobytes of data from the server in the last four hours of Final Friday, we jump to work deleting serial commas and cutting your paragraph long run-on sentences into a simple six-word phrase that goes at the end of the prior paragraph (or we just delete the whole mess altogether). By the end of the night we should be drained of most bodily fluids, will have injected massive amounts of Starbucks espresso, overdosed on pizza or have simply passed out from the brain-melting powers of the Mac computers (mushy mush). Despite such tedious work, and a probable diagnosis of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, I must say that this tenure as an *Argo* Copy Editor has been one of the best memories of my senior year. It is as if it was only yesterday that Nathaniel Eiseman said to me, "please do not forget to riddle everyone's articles with semicolons while listening to classical Schubert" as he and Vy Nguyen passed the reins of the Copy section to me in August 2008. This very moment came to mind as I left the Photography lab for the last time on May 29th and I must admit I did stop for a minute to take it all in.

This year's *Argo* has most definitely been just as good as last year's. Every production week this year, I would breathe a sigh of relief knowing that when René came running up to me saying my name repeatedly, I would have to Copy a fine piece of Sports reporting instead of three versions of the first paragraph. But despite his best efforts, René would never beat A&E to the finishing their section because, secretly, we preferred Denise and Kevin's articles about food (sorry René). It would always be a joy to read Cynthia's very opinionated, contraction-filled Forum pieces, especially the articles written by our own William Poff-Webster. And as the lab became more and more chaotic during the week I could always rely on our two stunning EICs, Chenglin and Queen, to keep us all in line. Finally, I would like to get this off my chest: "curse you, News, for stealing Draper from me," because Caroline is the best staff member ever and Copy missed you dearly. Yukun is awesome too, even though we had to copy two of your own articles in the same issue. In the end, I think it is safe to say that Copy is better than both Layout and Photo; take that Sydney, Cynthia, Nora and Michelle. Just kidding, we are the most important sections of all.

Now, although it is not correct Copy editing procedure, I would like to dedicate one standalone sentence to my amazing Copy staff: Elisa, Suzi, Uyen, Jenn, Yunwei, Roselle, Victoria and Kent.

Thank you all for the memories,

—Philip Lee

Layout

Sometimes it's hard to admit, but Boston Latin School has truly become a sacred haven in my heart. As I reach the end of these 6 years, I know that I will truly miss it. There were so many memories, good and bad, that encompassed it all. I've learned so much, reached my goals, and dreamed for more. I couldn't ask for another place, another time, or another class that I am glad to say: I'll miss you.

As I write my final *Argo* farewell, the only words that truly summarize the last two years of my *Argo*-filled life begin in fragments. In those two years, I met some of the greatest people—classmates and friends, who have given me years of memories worth of laughter and amusement. To each editor, staff member, and Mr. Flynn: Thank you for everything; you listened to my nagging for dummies and articles, and you made the best of those two years. Chenglin and Queen—I will always remember our weekend meetings and our frustrations over the simplest things.

To my counterpart, Cynthia (magic): The memories and years we've worked together can never be replaced. Thank you for always taking over when I slipped, and making sure that I was intact. To our fellow Layout associates: You were so dedicated, it was amazing. My advice: command + D (the only shortcut that will ever save your life). To every teacher that I have ever had: 6 years is a long time—thank you for allowing me to spread my wings, and reach out towards a future that I truly want. To Ms. Montes: Thank you for truly allowing me to love and appreciate physics. Without you, I do not even know how I would have come to say that I want to be an engineer. And to Ms. Sylvester: 4 years of love, guidance, and laughter is something I can never replace. Thank you for being the greatest guidance counselor, and always reassuring me that no matter what, I can always succeed. '09, we made it. Yeah, it's—finally—all over.

—Sydney

Photography

Although I have not been a part of *Argo* for very long, the time I have spent with the whole staff has been absolutely amazing: from the constant running around the school finding people/computers/food (because we're animals, especially when the pizza comes on those late Fridays), to the hours spent looking at pixels and Photoshopping pictures because someone was not in the picture, and to doing the bidding of a very meticulous editor (René Reyes). It's a miracle that we were able to finish a whole issue in around a week's worth of time, especially since I have learned that most of us are great procrastinators; instead of working on those Final Fridays, we are taking pictures of ourselves, making videos, webcaming, and looking up pictures of Zorses, a cross of a horse and a zebra. To this year's staff, thank you for making this an amazing experience; I will miss all of you and all those late nights. To Nora and Michelle, it has been great working with both of you and I will miss all those "oh no! where is this picture?"-moments-at-9pm-on-Final-Friday. To the editors next year, I hope you have as much fun as I have had and good luck! And finally, to the Class of 2009, I'm sure all of you will go far in life and thanks for making this an incredible six years!

—Alice

When I walked through the door into the photo lab in eighth grade, I was immature, lost, and little. As I type this, five years have passed, and, well, at least I have grown a few inches. Thanks to all the time spent at *Argo*, I have gained a few tidbits of knowledge: 1. People really, and I mean really, do not like getting their picture taken for the forum question. 2. Staring at the pixels of images for hours is a surefire way to make someone go crazy. 3. Finishing before 8:00 PM on a Final Friday just means that we did something wrong. 4. When people are hungry and stuck in the photo lab, their noses become very keen to the smell coming from a pizza box. 5. If you are missing a photo, check Facebook. 6. The hallways are totally creepy at night when you are all alone. 7. Sports will always have the weirdest photo requests. 8. Underclassmen should go on food runs. I did it and you can, too. 9. After using Photoshop endlessly, you start noticing the details that are (or are not) there. 10. Photo is the best. No lies.

So, there is everything I have learned, nicely packaged a few hours before this is actually due.

To next year's photo staff, good luck and I know that we have left our section in wonderful, skilled hands. Oh, and do not screw up or we will come hunting. To Alice and Nora, you guys kept me sane this year and I love you. And of course, to the Class of 2009, thanks for an amazing six years.

Love, Michelle.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009

Hillary!!!

We are so very proud of you and
all you have accomplished in
your six years at BLS.

And now on to UNH,
where you will do amazing things.

We love you very much.

Mom, Paul, Leah and YiaYia

Congratulations Marie!

Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
You're on your own.

And you know what you know.

And YOU are the gal who'll decide where to go. (Dr. Suess)

We love you very much!
Mom, Dad and Katy

As you take this big step, our hearts will
always hold you close
Wherever you are and whatever you do,
remember, we're proud of you.
Happy and excited for you, and loving
you.

CONGRATULATIONS
RACHEL!

Love Mom, Dad, Marty, Harry

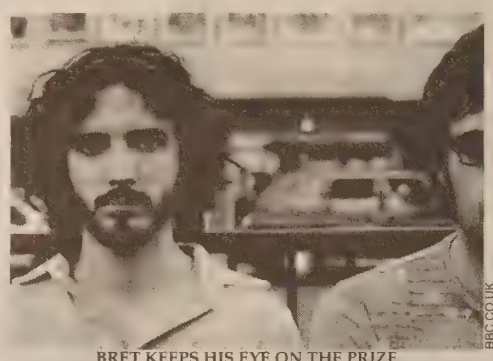
Congratulations Catie--I couldn't be more proud of you!!!
Copper Boom!

Love, Mom

It's Business Time

By Edsuvani Maisonet, III
Contributing Wrtier

I remember first hearing about this folk comedy duo from New Zealand a few years ago from a group of friends who were absolutely crazy about them. Then about a year ago, someone sent me a link to one of their videos on Youtube. Instantly I was hooked, I needed more. I was eventually convinced to watch the HBO series but my addiction only worsened. What is funnier than two clueless New Zealanders in a novelty band with an even more clueless manager trying to make it big in New York City? Nothing. Needless to say, when a friend of mine offered me the chance to see this duo in concert, declining was not an option.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BRET KEEPS HIS EYE ON THE PRIZE

Getting the tickets was difficult, as anyone who attempted to buy them knows. The show was practically sold out before the tickets even went on sale. But on that fateful day, we found ourselves at the Agannis Arena on April 17, among approximately 7,000 Conchords fans.

The show began with two opening acts. The first was a stand-up routine with Eugene Mirman, who plays the duo's landlord on the show, which was surprisingly funny. His delivery was dry, but full of hilarious zings. After him, another well-loved, but creepy, character from the show did a routine. Kristen Shall, who plays Mel, hopped out onto the stage wearing a crisp white shirt and sparkly, gold capris (she apparently killed a genie to get them, I would not doubt it), and also did a fitting comedy bit.

After these two great opening acts, Bret and Jemaine, my two favorite New Zealanders, came out and got the show off to a great start with a catchy techno song about the unfortunate male/female ratio in a nightclub. They added to the aesthetics by playing two synthesizers instead of their usual acoustic guitars.They, then, took their places in the familiar live set-up with acoustic guitars and wooden stools and the show really began.

What sets them apart from any live musical comedy act is not that they are both proficient guitarists (though it helps), decent singers (this also helps), attractive in their own right (don't judge me!), or that their songs are uproariously funny, but their improvised banter between songs. It is easy to see that they are good friends and their banter's not as stifled as a pair of news anchors'. I know I keep stressing this point, but Bret and Jemaine are funny guys. Their banter is different in every show because it is really like they are just talking and we happen to be eavesdropping. From Jemaine responding to one man's shouts, "I love you!" to Bret informing Jemaine that he quit (he rejoined the band in one of the pauses), they kept the audience laughing all throughout their allotted 90 minutes.

The improvisation gives the audience an experience much different from that of the show of the CD. Sure, the studio recorded mp3s available on iTunes, and their humor will still be there on the album, but you will not have Jemaine informing Bret that he missed a beat, or witness Jemaine struggling with the "rock-enspiel" during the song "If You're into It." They might make some obvious mistakes by fumbling with a chord or phrase, but it only adds to their charm.

Despite my worries that the songs would all be from one specific season, the set list turned out to be a good combination of songs from Season One, Season Two and even songs that were not ever featured in the show, like the "Ballad of Stana." They brought out newer songs like "Too Many [Men] on the Dancefloor" and "Sugalumps," but made sure we got some of the favorites like "Jenny," "Business Time" and "Most Beautiful Girl (In the Room)." During "Sugalumps," the pair even danced. I do not think I have ever heard that many women (and my male companion) scream that loudly for a folk novelty band.

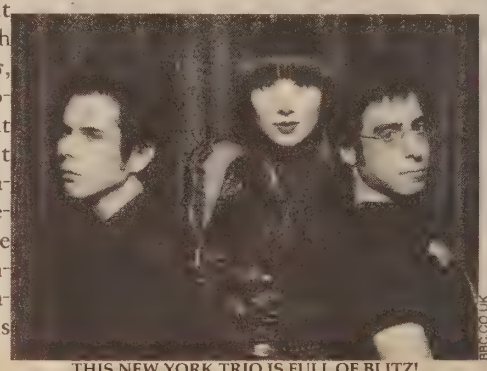
So, if you were fortunate enough to have acquired a ticket (by whatever means--I won't judge you), continue to gloat. The concert was truly an experience, and I would not have missed it for the world.

Yeah Yeah Yeah!

By Sophia Wang, II
Assistant A&E Editor

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs are, first and foremost, an impressive trio. I remember seeing them live at City Hall Plaza two years ago and being surprised at the lead singer's abrasive stage antics, flamboyant dress and shrill vocals. Right off the bat, I understood that this band was not going to submit to any comformities. And the band members certainly did not care about what anybody thought.

Fast forward to 2009. This New York band, which consists of singer Karen O, guitarist Nick Zinner, and drummer Brian Chase, has released its third full-length album, *It's Blitz!* Based on the music on this record, it is hard to image that this band has such riotous and wild performances. The album has a much more controlled sound than any of its earlier extended plays, is less confrontational than *Fever to Tell* (2003) and more synth-heavy than *Show Your Bones* (2006). *It's Blitz!* is a pop-rock album that exerts a sense of maturity that really began with *Show Your Bones*, the band's sophomore album. But mature does not mean boring. Mature implies something new with the same roots. Essentially, what this maturity produces is not only a record that you can sing along to, but also a record that you can dance to.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THIS NEW YORK TRIO IS FULL OF BLITZ!

The first track and lead-off single, "Zero," is a buzzing track that starts off with ticking synthesizers, followed by Karen O crooning in her melodic vocals: "You're a zero/ what's your name, no one gonna ask you", and the song's beats can almost persuade you to dance. If "Zero" is not lively enough, the next track, "Heads Will Roll," finds Karen O issuing the command of "dance till you're dead", while its disco beats roll in the background. Another track that can fill the dance floor is "Dragon Queen," with minimal guitars and maximum electronics. The abrupt guitar harmonics and clapping percussions fit nicely together, and it is hard not to hum along to its catchy chorus. While the Yeah Yeah Yeahs cannot simply be lumped into the "dance music" category, these songs have the grooves and potential to get hipsters moving.

Aside from dance beats, you should also note the layered and effective melodies that pervade throughout this record. Songs like "Soft Shock" and "Hysterics" start off placid, then build up to a very emotional and complex chorus. The swirling euphonies accumulate at the end of the chorus to deliver the poignancy from Karen O's lyrics. The ticks and blips of electronics in the background add to the simple yet multifaceted structure of the songs. Adding to the variety of the band's music, the album itself is filled with ballads: "Little Shadow" features Karen O singing tenderly, and the gentle keys climax to an expansive chorus; "Skeleton" begins with a warm tone that accompanies the singer's reprise of "love, don't cry," then the drums begin banging, and the song ascends into a crescendo of sounds; "Runaway" builds on a simple keyboard melody, then piece by piece, synth notes and drum beats attach themselves to the bareness of the vocals. It is an emotional affair with these songs--the intone of the vocals, the weaving of the melodies, and the pulse of the drums all contribute to the sentimental effect. The album itself is a hybrid of punk-ish exuberance and pop sensibility, creating a perfect mix.

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs seem to have grown up since their debut in 2003. Listeners of *It's Blitz!* finds the band actually singing instead of screaming at them. Like their live shows, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs are still versatile and resilient, unafraid to move from one place to another. But they are now embracing and appreciating the tender side of the music, yet are not too soft to churn out an upbeat and vigorous song. While *It's Blitz!* misses the caustic riffs and shrieks that made *Fever to Tell* endearing, it retains the sweetness and hidden alacrity that *Show Your Bones* had. It is important to realize that the Yeah Yeah Yeahs are neither conforming their music into some stale categorization, nor assimilating into mainstream. They are just growing up.

Summer Fashion '09

By Bianca Rose, I
Contributing Wrtier

Spring is in closing and summer is in its peak. The majority of us are worried about what in the world we are going to be doing this summer. Are you going to have a job? Are you going to be volunteering? Are you going on vacation? All of these questions flow through our heads when May and June come around. The only question going through my head is what Marc Jacobs is blessing us with Summer 2009!!!

With all these sunny days we're having, we can basically assume that summer is finally here. Every year a trend stays, and every year a new trend comes in. This summer, a lot of trends from last year are remaining because they are just that fabulous. There are also trends that will remain forever. So what is hot for this summer? And most importantly, what should you not be trying to rock this summer?

Gladiators. I'm not sure how or when they turned a warrior into a shoe, but it was a great idea! Gladiators will definitely be staying in this summer. Producers are still supplying them, and consumers continue to demand them.Gladiators can be found anywhere: BCBG, Forever 21, H&M, 344, Bloomingdales, and many more. If you take a walk on Newbury Street, you will see them in almost every window. Thankfully, fedoras are also still in style. There is a surplus of them at Forever 21 last time I checked. Berets are slowly dying, but you might be able to pull it off this summer. Cowboy boots are also still rocking, have always been, but it's kind of a "your style" thing. You have to have style if you are willing to wear these boots, because they are bold. The 80's style is officially out, DONE! Don't do it to yourself. High-waisted anything from American Apparel is genius, buy it. AA is also a perfect place for party wear, but no one at Boston Latin School should be partying, you should be doing your summer reading (thank me later, Ms. Mooney Teta). Checkered shirts remain in, as well as skinny jeans and leggings. Pumps are still looking good in today's fashion. Also, the wireframe heels, that I've only seen made by YSL so far, are mind-blowing.

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Beyonce and other celebrities have been spotted rocking them; Google it! Last but not least, classics like Louis Vuitton monogram bags will never stop being in style, so your $700-$1000 won't be wasted.

One thing that should be known is that whatever Marc Jacobs comes out with is definitely what's in. There should be no debates over that. Marc Jacobs can be found on Newbury Street. You can find rain boots for $28 to purses for $800, so just shop according to what's in you or your parents' (for the spoiled ones) pocket. In New York, you want to become familiar with Soho, where you will find a store called TopShop. The store is genius! It's mix of American Apparel, Urban Outfitters, Juicy Couture, Marc Jacobs; a vintage style without labels.

You should also pick up *Star* magazine, which updates on what's hot and what's not every week from Hollywood to Bollywood.. If you seriously need additional help, you can email me at bianca_yulanda_rose@yahoo.com, because while working hard, you should always look and feel good! Also, check out my blog, onewaytenway.com, for updates on fashion and other topics.

Beam Us Up!

By Rachel Tripp, III
Staff Writer

This fast-paced,action-packed long-time cult classic is back and better than ever with intense graphics and explosions that will shake you to your core. This is NOT your parents' *Star Trek*.

Star Trek comes to us as a prequel to the original television series, this time based on a plot in which a black hole provides an alternate reality for the original cast of the USS *Enterprise*. This is a stroke of directing genius, giving director John Abrams creative license to basically twist the story in any direction imaginable without offending any die-hard fans. This *Star Trek* feature, the eleventh of its kind, jumps right into the story and action, ignoring the traditional background information or basic introduction usually given to audiences at the beginning of a film. Whatever introduction needed is given within the first five minutes: the Captain is dead; villains are attacking; the ship is exploding; a baby is born. That baby is the future James Tiberius Kirk. As viewers, we are automatically thrown into this fast-paced feature and the movie takes us on a true ride.

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THE PREQUEL LIVES UP TO TREKKIES

Kirk and Spock—played convincingly by the spandex-clad pieces of perfection that are Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto respectively—do not meet in person until they are adults at Starfleet Academy. In the tradition of many great on-screen duos, the two men take an almost instantaneous dislike to each other, Kirk indentifying Spock only as "that pointy-eared bastard." But of course, the friendship we all knew was bound to come is soon shaped into strong camaraderie under heavy fire. The universe has to be saved (again), and Spock has to undergo a severe personality crisis more than once to save it. In this film, the bad guys come to us in the form of the Romulans, whose facial tatoos and uniformly bald heads are reminiscent of Aborigines from space. Led by the vengeful psychopath Nero (played terrifyingly well by Eric Bana), they have traveled from the future and are irritated about something that Spock has done, or rather, will do. From there, fast-paced action pulls the audience to the edge of their seats, setting the mood for audible gasps and spontaneous clapping to be heard throughout the duration of the film.

Despite its amazingly strong plot and heart-racing and heart-warming twists, *Star Trek* carries on a bit too far in one or two aspects. Kirk is wrung by the neck and finds himself grasping onto the edges of cliffs too many times to simply be a coincidence, and I do not think that one single plot point was executed without extraneous fight scenes. Even scenes where characters get beamed up are not without flying punches.

Still, this movie was not without its odd moments, especially the random cameos throughout. The appearance of Winona Ryder as Spock's human mother comes as somewhat of an unexpected shock, and no matter what universe we are in, I cannot imagine Tyler Perry as a successful civilization Elder. Nevertheless, the true spirit of Star Trek that has permeated pop culture for over 40 years still holds strong, as do the spirit of adventure and witty dialogue that defined the original television series.

This version of *Star Trek* is flashier, more modern, and much more techno-savvy, but that does not, in any way, mean that the quality of the story is lost. If anything, it enhances the science-fiction flick with a much fancier "sci" aspect. The film does an incredible job portraying the end of the movie as the beginning of the show, and by the end of the film, even a novice Trekkie can see the final pieces of the puzzle snap into place with a witty and powerful reverence. With a film that is destined to capture the hearts of both young and old alike, even you will be ready to "live long and prosper."

The Race Is On

By Jakara Tolbert, II
Staff Writer

I have officially become fed up with the constant bombardment of "going green" campaigns. Do not get me wrong, I am all for creating awareness about environmental issues by utilizing the popularity of various media stars. I do not advocate, however, for retail companies and celebrities using these steadily-popularizing campaigns to make a quick buck or plug their own careers. I think it is great that people are willing to spend their hard-earned money on tote bags and makeup deemed eco-friendly. Nevertheless, I was skeptical of the actual effects these products are having on the struggling environment, finding it difficult to differentiate between the get-rich-quick schemes from the more sincere endeavors.

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ARTISTS RACING TO THE FINISH

Ultimately, it took a very odd musical collaboration to change my mind. It all started when Ethiopian-born, Virginia-raised, rising pop singer, Kenna, proposed the idea of a competition among herself, rapper Lupe Fiasco, and pretty-turned-bad boy Justin Timberlake. No, not a race to the top of the Billboard's Hot 100, but rather, a race to the top of Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro. Yes, Kill-a-man-jaro. In an effort to raise awareness about water shortages in areas not only surrounding the mountain but around the world, the trio plans to use their influence to get people worldwide to stop taking their drinking water for granted. The topic certainly is emphasized for Kenna, whose father almost died as a child from waterborne diseases in Ethiopia. "He had talked to me about digging a well there," Kenna told *Elle* magazine in a recent interview. "I thought, 'I have too many friends who would be concerned with the subject of clean water. Maybe I can help out.'" It seems that Kenna's plans for improvement have developed into something far more substantial.

When asked about the training necessary to succeed in such a climb, Kenna and Lupe Fiasco took on a humorous attitude, joking about the mounting competition between Timberlake and themselves. Fiasco, trained in martial arts, feels confident that his abilty to harness both his inner strength and "raw sex-appeal" will be a helpful aid on the venture. Kenna attempted the climb a few years ago, but was forced to turn back due to an allergic reaction from the altitude medication. Thus, she is making the climb with more precautions this time around. Timberlake initially joined the cause merely for the thrill. But after witnessing the devastation that the dire need for drinking water has left on the people during a previous trip to Africa, he dove into the challenge head on.

The three, although self-declared jokesters, are taking the climb very seriously. They want skeptics everywhere to understand that their climb goes far beyond an over-publicized donation to a non-profit organization. "This is a personal sacrifice for people you don't know. That's a much bigger statement than a check", stated Kenna. The climb is scheduled to take place sometime during the fall. The trio hopes to increase overall awareness about water shortages, and maybe bring a little sexy back to Kilimanjaro as well, seeing as Fiasco claims that he plans to make the climb in a Speedo.

St. Vincent Full of Action

By Reed McConnell, III
& Andy Vo, II
Forum Editor & A&E Editor

St. Vincent is much more than a saint: she is a rock GODDESS. Better known by her aforementioned alias, Annie Clark has released her sophomore album, *Actor*, a month ago. The songs on *Actor* definitely have a different tone from those on *Marry Me*, Clark's debut album. These songs are darker, stranger, and the lush, enchanting instrumentals are more than just background music. In contrast to the songs on *Marry Me*, which featured vocals and lyrics, the instrumentals in the songs on *Actor* play a role as large as her voice. Like the album title suggests, Clark takes on an actor's perspective. She states that she wrote the album with her favorite movies in mind by pretending that she was producing her own versions of the soundtracks. Her songs are moving from beginning to end.

Clark kicked off her tour with a performance at the Somerville Theatre on May 19, and I was delighted to discover how well the CD carried over to live performances. While Clark herself sang and played guitar, there were four additional musicians on the stage, who played a wide variety of instruments. In many cases, having such so many sounds at once on stage would simply become messy or overpowering, but there was an incredible sense of balance and coordination among the instruments. It was also evident that Clark and the members of the band had complete control over the music they were playing.

We were watching a breathtaking performance, which induced a feeling far beyond the music. The lights pulsed with the beat, changing colors to match the tone of the songs. Somehow, either through the effects of the lights or the way we viewed her in our eyes, Clark appeared as a veritable giant onstage. But giant or not, Clark's stage presence added yet another dimension to the concert entirely. The ease and control she felt over the music was not only demonstrated by her voice and how she played the songs, but also by the way she moved, the way she was so empassioned by the music that she would jerk forward or stumble backward with the vibrations of the guitar. She even ended many of her songs, including "Now, Now" and "Actor Out of Work," on one knee, absolutely wailing on the guitar.

To me, the sweetest moment came in the middle of the show, when the band featured Annie Clark alone. As a song was ending with a prolonged decrescendo, each of the band members slowly put down their instruments and left the stage. Soon, Clark was left standing alone. The audience was completely silent as she began to pluck her guitar and sing. Her voice became heart-wrenchingly beautiful: "The dishes in the sink/don't care if I wake late..." She, however, did not unleash the full force and feeling of her voice until she neared the end of the song as she lamented: "Oh my god/Oh, you're gone..." I had never heard the song before, and it came with neither introduction, nor warning—surprising and beautiful all at once.

The concert lasted about an hour and a half, but it seemed to go by in no time at all. When Clark announced that she was going to play the last song, the entire audience groaned and put up a general fuss. "What?" she asked, smiling, "have none of you ever heard of an encore?" She ended with the sweeping beauty of a song titled "Just the Same But Brand New," the title of which sums up the entire show. When she returned for the encore, as promised, the final song was one of the only melodies played from the album *Marry Me*, an explosive, electrifying piece entitled "Your Lips Are Red." The song built up slowly, but steadily, and exploded into an incredible explosion of sound and energy.

After the concert, I waited with my friends in the lobby until the crowd all but disappeared. When we peeked into the theatre, there she was, standing on the stage, casually talking to a techie as he packed up the amps. There were a couple of other fans talking to her, who was now flustered and unsucessfully searching for a pen. She was smaller in real life at five foot five, but she had an air of confidence and happiness that made up for it tenfold. She graciously laughed at our nervous jokes, signed our CDs (and in my case, ticket stub...), and engaged in a friendly conversation with us, revealing that she even knew where Boston Latin School was ("somewhere near Huntington, right?")!

I left the night in complete awe, believing that Annie Clark was not only a wonderful singer, but also a woman who has the skills of a musician and the charisma of an actress.

A & E

Skip the Middleman

By Bianca Saunders, II
Contributing Writer

Amidst the hustle and bustle of East Boston's loud and traffic-filled streets comes Eastie's very own Newbury Street style getaway. Properly named for its address, the 303 Café's dim lighting, mahogany furniture and floors, local artwork, and jazzy music provide a calm atmosphere that makes it the perfect place to relax and eat breakfast, lunch, or dinner, all of which are offered. The internet connection offered by the Café also makes it an ideal spot to catch up on your studies while sipping a cappuccino! There are even a few tables outside, which are perfect for those upcoming spring days.

Let us now get to the most important details- the food! One of the goals of the owners of the 303 Café, spouses Melinda and Tom, was "to provide a place where the neighborhood, with all of its diversity, could gather and feel welcome." As far as its menu goes, the 303 Café has definitely achieved its diversity goal. Although a tad small, the menu offers an array of Middle Eastern, vegetarian, Italian, and Spanish dishes. Many dishes on the menu are unique to the 303 Café, such as the heavenly 303 French Toast, which consists of Portuguese sweet bread with a layer of Nutella in the middle, all topped with raspberry sauce and Chantilly. Is your mouth watering yet? Other breakfast choices include huge croissant sandwiches, breakfast burritos and quesadillas, eggs, pancakes, and curried tofu scrambles, among others. The lunch menu offers a variety of salads: everything from a simple Caesar salad to a Teriyaki Ginger salmon salad to Middle Eastern Antipasto. Veggie BLT's, Falafel and Tabouleh Wraps, and Crab Cake Sandwiches are just a few of the choices offered. I highly recommend Chicken Favorito, which consists of tender grilled chicken, prosciutto ham, and grilled tomatoes with pesto on a sourdough bread. Three different types of french fries are offered, their waffle fries being the best I've ever tried! The dinner menu is a bit more expansive. Choices include empanadas, pizza, linguine, meat, seafood, and more. The dessert menu is simply decadent; including choices such as the "Death by Chocolate" Cake. The café's delicious cappuccinos, smoothies, and teas solidify their persona.

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SERVICE MIGHT AS WELL BE NONEXISTENT

I have one quibble with the 303 Café, however, and that is the service. Our waitress was friendly, although somewhat incompetent. Service was slow. It took forty-five minutes for our food to be served, despite the fact that only a few tables were filled. Our waitress failed to remember to bring us a second round of drinks, even after we requested them twice. That being said, the meal was so delicious and plentiful that we decided to bring the leftovers home. However, I was quite surprised when the waitress handed us two Styrofoam containers and then walked away. I don't mean to nitpick, but I just feel that a chic café shouldn't leave you to make your own doggy bag!

Overall, I was satisfied with my dining experience. Prices for dishes range from two to thirteen dollars, making it perfect for both adults and students. Its ambience makes it a perfect place for a cozy meal and its calming, quiet atmosphere makes it the perfect place to finish that big paper that's due. So, for those of you East Boston inhabitants who would love a Newbury Street-style dining experience without having to hop on a train to get it, or for those of you who have never thought to venture into Eastie, the 303 Café may be the chic, new place for you to try!

DF Falls Flat

By Nelson Arnous, III
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Following a series of atrocious parody movies such as *Meet the Spartans*, *Superhero Movie*, *Disaster Movie*, *Date Movie*, and *Epic Movie*, the bar for *Dance Flick* was not set very high. Right from the start, however, it was a step ahead of the rest. It did not have much to live up to; as long as it was slightly funny, *Dance Flick* would be a major improvement in the parody genre. The fact that it was written, directed, and even starred 12 members of the Wayans family, creators of the *Scary Movie* series, might have lent some credibility to it. But the bottom line? The movie simply was not funny.

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Dance Flick is the story of ex-ballet dancer Megan (Shoshanna Bush), who moves to the big city after the death of her mother. Typically, this suburban white girl makes some friends at her new school, Musical High School. However, her new friends immediately teach her how to dance hip-hop. Soon after, Megan falls in love with Thomas (Damon Wayans Jr.), who is determined to win an upcoming dance battle in order to pay off debt to Sugar Bear, the Krispy Kreme-loving bookie.

A solid fifty percent of the movie's jokes fail completely, though this is not surprising given that there are several jokes a minute. For example, during one scene, a gangster demands his piece of the pie, and it is passed over to him out of nowhere. Other attempts at humor include a breakdancer spinning on his head, drilling a hole into the floor and disappearing into the ground. Needless to say, the only genuinely funny parts of the movie are ones you can see for free, by watching the trailer.

The humor in the movie is incredibly crude. The jokes can mostly be put into one of three categories: race, sex, or bodily function. From a baby being shot out onto the dance floor, to Ray Charles falling into a manhole, to a French dance instructor named Ms. Cameltoé (pronounced Cah-mal-twa), *Dance Flick* is bound to offend, no matter the viewer. The *High School Musical* parody consists of a Zac Efron-type character singing about how gay he is (how original).

Based on whatever popped into the writers' minds at the time, *Dance Flick*'s plot is patchy, to say the least. In *Scary Movie*, the Wayans at least managed to put in jokes about current pop culture. Here, however, the writers settled for last year's stories: Britney Spears' parenting, Wesley Snipes' tax troubles, and high gas prices were a few of the more outdated targets.

But they stay true to their name; no dance movies are spared from being spoofed. *High School Musical*, *Step Up*, *Stomp the Yard*, *Hairspray*, and quite a few others were satirized. The story line itself closely resembles that of *Save the Last Dance*; a few of the scenes are directly taken from this movie, but twisted to make sexual or racial jokes.

Overall, *Dance Flick* manages to produce a few laughs and was an improvement from the previous parody movies. However, despite having some of the same people involved in its making, it did not come even close to the level of the first few Scary Movies. Honestly, it is a bit of a gamble. You might find it hilarious, but you could also find it extremely offensive--or even both. Your best bet is either to wait and rent it or grab your eye patch and pirate it.

Angels Cracks *Code*

By Silvana Vivas, I
Staff Writer

Ah, here we are again in the midst of another Dan Brown creation: *Angels & Demons*, the sequel to *The Da Vinci Code*. Crosses and handguns. Secret passages and hidden messages. A Harvard professor and a dead Pope. Quite the recipe for an action-packed flick, at least when compared to the first Ron Howard-directed installment. This time around, Howard manages to conjure up more commotion and less conversation in the adaptation of one of Brown's best-selling novels, in which Harvard professor Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) is called in by the Vatican to solve a deadly scavenger hunt set up by the Illuminati, an ancient secret society dedicated to science that has bone to pick with the Catholic Church. With the help of the sultry Italian scientist Vittoria Vetra (Ayelet Zurer), Langdon embarks on a citywide search to find the anti-matter bomb, which the Illuminati plan to detonate at midnight.

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EVEN HANKS DOESN'T LIKE HIS OWN MOVIE

The film, with the characters always debating the validity of science and religion, makes for intense emotion during the urgency of saving Vatican City before midnight. However, this intensity doesn't start until about half an hour after the movie begins, the first half hour being full of slow paced technical chatter, connecting this film to the last one. However, on the whole, this movie has achieved a much better grip on the action sequences, mainly because Howard makes it less of a direct adaptation from the book.

Sacrificing the plot for entertainment value, however, has its downsides. The story line is hard to follow at times, raising questions such as: Why did that car just blow up? Why did he confiscate those journals? These queries are a common occurrence as one watches the movie. In addition to numerous holes in the plot line, the events from the book were translated into a condensed version that can hardly be considered believable. For example, Langdon has the agility of body and mind that beats that of the Italian police hands down, making a makeshift ladder out of a church pew. Vetra, although a biophysicist, is able to assist Langdon with her extensive knowledge of Latin. Plus, as usual, the Pope's security and the city police are inadequate at helping due to their stubborn attitudes and puny frames, while the victims of the Illuminati die in elaborate, Biblical ways at the hand of one terrorist.

However, these far-fetched scenarios allow for the fantastic cinematography. Only in *Angels & Demons* can one experience the view of the Vatican from the perspective of a parachuting priest. The stops at famous landmarks such as the Pantheon are also welcomed, although the movie certainly shows viewers more of Rome's supposed underground passages than the city itself.

Alas, the movie manages to suck in viewers because Hanks is far too lovable as a nerdy, symbols-obsessed professor for anyone to hate him. In fact, he arouses our pity for the poor Langdon, as he has to deal with incompetent staff and anti-science cardinals.

Ewan McGregor also livens up the film in the role of Camerlengo Patrick McKenna, the deceased Pope's right hand man, defying the cardinals' wishes. McGregor also manages to make the ending's twist, which may surprise those who have not read the book, rather exciting. Unfortunately, his acting is overshadowed by the unlikelihood of it all.

At least the audience can get a kick out of the amusing turn of events as opposed to falling asleep to the tune of *The Da Vinci Code*. A good sport would take this movie for what it is –a film questioning the line between religion and science turned superhero flick—and bask in its improbability.

Sports

Boys' Tennis Has Bright Future

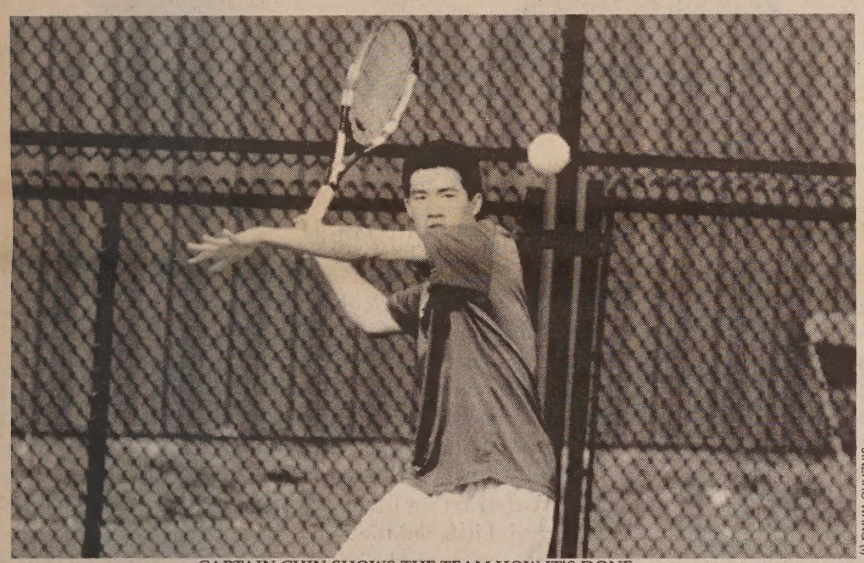
By Colin Murphy, IV
Staff Writer

The Boston Latin School Boys' Tennis team will have plenty of hype in a couple of years. With five out of the seven members on the varsity squad in Class III or under, the team is buffetting and overcoming its adversaries. This year, Boys' Tennis has a lot of talent on both varsity and junior varsity levels. Captain Kevin Chin (I), Pat Gibbons (II) and Cam Labeck (III) are the only members of their classes on the squad; the remaining players are from Classes IV and V. Freshmen phenomena, Tom "the Tank" Jenkins and Rhonny "Rose Garden" Rosario, are learning from their mistakes and are improving every day. Class V protégés, Mark Anthony Kenney and Jordan Tolbert, have reason to feel confident about their games.

Kenney, a first year player on the team says, "High school tennis is really good, a little more competitive but the competition is good and is making me better." Rosario, another first year player, adds: "It couldn't be a better first year, and it was an easy transition since I already knew a lot of members on the team. We already had [good] chemistry. I consider this a year to go far but it's a warm up year definitely and beginning in a year or two we'll be relentless and cruising to wins." Jenkins, confident about the future of Boys' Tennis, states: "I feel very good about the upcoming years. We have two talented eighth graders, two talented freshman and leaders in Chin and Gibbons. Also Labeck is a great player and has a smoking serve. The talent is definitely there for a state title run in upcoming years."

You might think that Chin, as the lone senior on the team, does not want to compete alongside all this young talent, but he is actually optimistic about the coming years and says, "This was a rebuilding year and there are a lot of new kids but they will be a good team in upcoming years." To most BLS athletic teams, a "rebuilding year" means that the win margin is not high but Boys' Tennis will be heading to the Massachusetts State Tournament.

The JV team has young talent too. The McLaughlin twins, Gabe (IV) and Hugh (IV), have the potential to play for other great tennis teams but they are waiting for their turn at BLS varsity. The twins added: "We go to practice everyday and we just see how great we can be, and it just makes us feel really great about ourselves. When we bring that confidence out on the court we really feel like we can defeat the best players in Massachusetts High School tennis." Currently, the BLS Boys' Tennis team is working hard for the state tournament in hopes of winning another championship banner for the upstairs gym. With all their young talent, the team will certainly make some noise in the school hallways for years to come.



JINZHAO WANG (I)

CAPTAIN CHIN SHOWS THE TEAM HOW IT'S DONE

Closing the Season Strong

By Sanchay Jain, II
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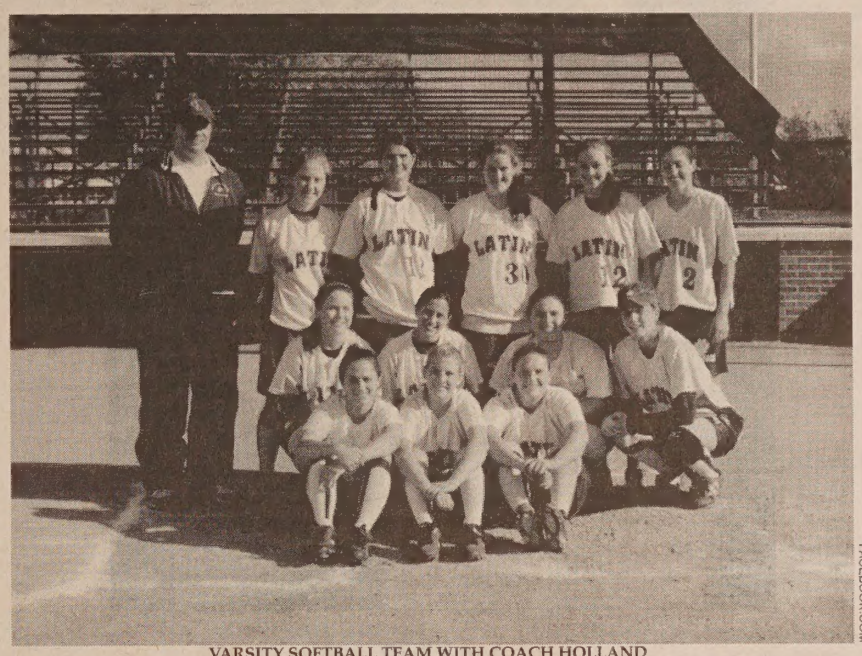
The Boston Latin Schoool Girls' Softball team finally emerged into its own last season, registering a fairly successful season and qualifying for the State Tournament. The success brought a change in attitude towards the team from the rest of the Dual County League, as teams, such as Billerica, realized that they could not treat a match against the Wolfpack as "a practice game" anymore, according to Christine Carbone (II). Success from one season, however, means that expectations carry over into the following season. The 2009 squad, despite facing these expectations, managed to remain unfazed and definitely managed to sustain this performance.

One of the big reasons for this consistency was the fact that only three seniors left the team at the end of last season. This allowed the Wolfpack to post a 14-4 record, which could have been potentially higher, had the H1N1 virus not struck as it did. In the aftermath of the one week vacation, the team's final two regular season games were cancelled. Luckily for Coach Tim Holland's squad, the girls still managed to not only qualify for the State Tournament, but were also allowed to play in these matches, something a few of BLS' other qualifying spring sports teams were unable to do. The team also managed to secure homefield advantage, and began the tournament at the field used by Wentworth Institute of Technology (the team had been using the Daisy Field in Jamaica Plain during the regular season, but made the switch for the tournament due to the better conditions).

The team was fortunate to be relatively healthy throughout the season; first baseman Carbone suffered the only significant injury (shoulder), which proved to derail her season. Luckily, Jackie MacDonough (III) and Stefani McGrath (I) stepped in admirably in her place. McGrath, along with Krista Zaremski (I) and Emily Berardi (III), managed to make it to the DCL All Star team, a significant achievement. Meanwhile, the team received significant contributions from several underclassmen, including Berardi, Megan Duckworth (III), and Lydia Federico (IV). Compared to last season, Carbone said, "Our hitting has improved, and we have really come together as a team, chemistry-wise."

The BLS Girls' Softball team has certainly met expectations this season, much as it did last season. It has become a force to be reckoned with in an intensely competitive Dual County League, and threatens to make a big impact in the upcoming State Tournament. It began the Tournament with an opening round matchup with Newton North on Friday, May 29, 2009. Meanwhile, the squad has a lot to look forward to next season, as it will only be losing four seniors to graduation. The team will gain advantageous experience and skill, a fact that will lead to more success.



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VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM WITH COACH HOLLAND

Boston Latin School Outdoor Track

By Alex Williams, II
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Runners, on your mark, get set ... These words are common to anyone who has set foot on the Boston Latin School Track team. After a memorable Indoor Season with the girls 4X200 competing at the 2009 Nike Indoor Nationals, one could only expect the same effort and excellence for the 2009 Outdoor season. This Outdoor season, welcomed newcomers to the team ranging from grades 8-11. Although the boy's sprinting team lost two valued veterans, Matt Cronin (II) and Marvell Lahens (I), in the middle of the season, they were able to rise to victory with new faces such as Andre Simpson (III), qualifying for states in the 100-meter dash and placing in the 2009 Freshman Sophomore Meet in Andover. The boy's team was also able to produce a 4X100 relay team with runners Connor Carrigan (III), Andre Simpson (III), Chin Chu (II), and Tomasz Starus (II). The team was 1 second shy of qualifying for the Division 1 Championships.

The boys have done substantially well this season, but some credit must also go to the girls on the team. At the State Relays, not only did the girl's 4X800 meter relay managed to place 2nd overall with runners Tiffany Fonseca (III), Claire Ruff (I), Elza Lambergs (III), and Kathleen Mello (III), but also qualified for the Division 1 Championships. In addition, the 4X100 and 4X200 meter A and B teams placed in the top 15 among the competing schools. As Ruff said, "We did really well this season. We won 2nd place at relays which is really big because our team has never done that before. We also got a new BLS record." This season, the team had individual qualifiers for the Division 1 championships, including Wilhelmina Moen (IV), Kathleen Mello (III), Meisha Brooks (II), Emma Rice (III), Tamika Reid (II), Olivia Grant (II), Alexandra Williams (II), and Marvell Lahens (I). Despite an unexpected disqualification from the Dual County League Championships due to H1N1 influenza, these qualifiers along with the girls 4X100 meter A relay team hope to show the state what they are capable of and represent the team and the school as a whole. Commenting on the H1N1 season cancellation, Chin Chiu (II) said, "This year, our whole team was like a family, and when the season ended, it just felt so sudden."

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HUNTING FOR THE FINISH LINE

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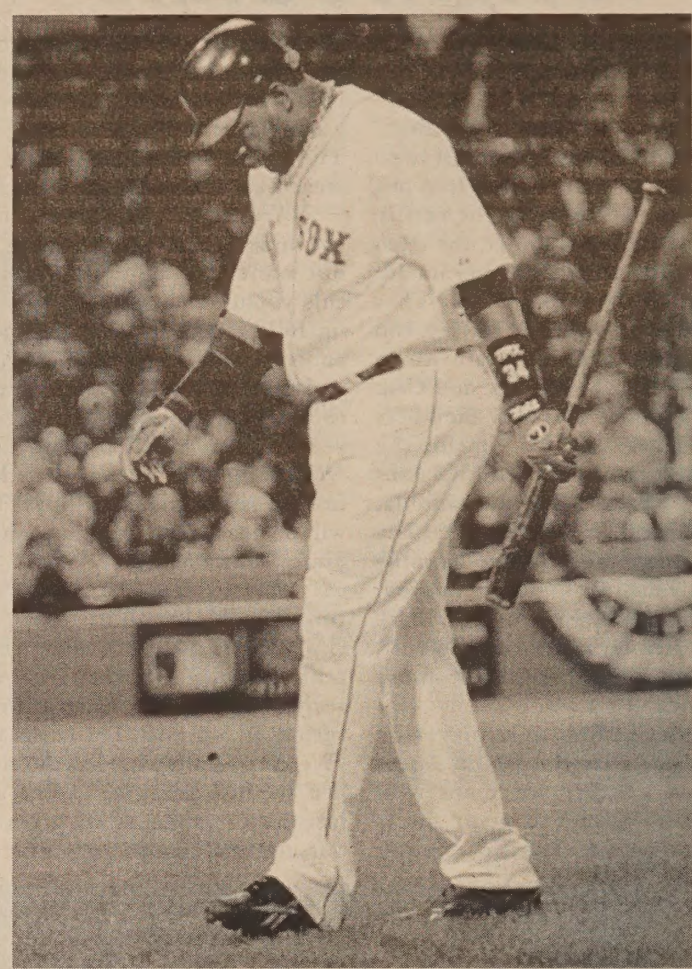
Should the Red Sox trade David Ortiz?



YES

By Brian Sitcawich, II
Contributing Writer

David Ortiz does not deserve to have any place with the Boston Red Sox, and it is time that the fans begin to recognize this. In fact, David Ortiz has no business in professional baseball at all. Here we have an overweight Shrek look-alike that possesses none of the proper skills or attributes that can benefit the Sox. He has clearly shown that he no longer has any power, hitting ability, speed, defense, or knowledge of the game. It is time for the Red Sox to let go of this embarrassment to baseball.

Since Ortiz has been the face of the Boston Red Sox franchise for the past several years, many fans appear reluctant to turn their backs on him, calling this ugly performance "a bad-start" and claiming that it is only a matter of time before he gets his power back. This is sadly a misconception amongst Red Sox fans. For the first time in our lifetime, the Red Sox now have a decent face for their franchise in the 2008 Most Valuable Player, Dustin Pedroia, who can hit over .300 and accept some Gold Glove awards while doing it. Kevin Youkilis is emerging as a premium bat in the Major Leagues, and Mike Lowell is still ticking despite being a long-tenured veteran.

Ortiz does not fit in with the Red Sox lineup at all. No team in the major leagues desires a .200 hitter who is capable of hitting only three homeruns for the 2009 season. He has been moved throughout the lineup and cannot seem to find success anywhere, quickly becoming the laughing stock of Major League Baseball. The headline for the Boston Herald read "HALLELUJAH!" the day after Ortiz hit his one and only home run of the season. David Ortiz, the super slugger, made headlines hitting a meaningless homerun as if it were something out of the ordinary. That is nothing short of pathetic. And even if he is not knocking the ball out of the park, he should at least be driving in runs, right? The fact that he has only knocked in 18 Runs Batted In is ridiculous and not suited for the team's cleanup hitter.

But just because his power has suddenly vanished, it does not make him a bad player, right? We can always count on his speed, his base running skills, and his efforts in the field...can we not? No. There is not a single thing that this guy has been able to do effectively this year outside of making the national news for the total and complete embarrassment he has proven to be. Plus, with Jason Bay putting together a stellar year, there is no reason to keep this sow around. It is time for Ortiz to hit the market.

However, Ortiz deserves some credit. He does possess one quality that many prime players have been lacking recently, brains. David Ortiz was smart enough to stay off the steroids this year and remain clean, unlike former Red Sox player Manny Ramirez and many others. (Editor's Note: According to ESPN, Ramirez was caught using human chlorionic gonadotropin, which is normally used by steroid users to restore the body's natural testosterone level. He was not caught using anabolic steroids outright.) With so many drug tests being conducted nowadays, it is surprising to see how many athletes continue their attempts to get away with using these illegal substances. Perhaps Ortiz was never on steroids, but the drop from 55 homeruns to only one homerun seems a bit absurd. I am not in a position to judge him, however, and all I know is that, though he is a clean player (for now), there is no reason to keep him.

Taking everything into account and disregarding all biased opinions, the fact remains that the Boston Red Sox do not have a need to keep this out-of-shape waste of space on their roster. The first thing the Sox should do in anticipation of the July 31 trading deadline is market Ortiz off to the next unfortunate team willing to take a chance on him.

NO

By Aadhar Mahajan, II
Staff Writer

There is no doubt that David "Big Papi" Ortiz has started this season abysmally. When a designated hitter has hit fewer home runs than Jonathon Papelbon has given up in two months, there is definitely something wrong. When there are pitchers in the National League who have hit more home runs than your designated hitter, something must be done. There is no getting around the fact that Big Papi has been more like "Big Poopie" in starting the 2009 season. All these things being said, I still believe that the Red Sox should, no, MUST keep David Ortiz through the end of the season.

Back when Ortiz signed with the Red Sox in 2003, he was behind Jeremy Giambi, Kevin Millar, and Shea Hillenbrand. Little did the Red Sox know that they had one of the best power hitters in league sitting on the bench. They quickly realized this, dropped Giambi, Jr., and traded Hillenbrand for Byung-Hyun Kim. From 2003-2008 Ortiz averaged 39 homeruns, 122 Runs Batted In, and a .296 batting average, making him one of the most feared hitters in the league and a perennial Most Valuable Player candidate. More importantly, over those six seasons he led the Red Sox to two championships. It can be argued that he single-handedly brought the Red Sox back from the depths of playoff elimination, with his performance against the Yankees when they were down 3-0 in the 2004 American League Championship Series, propelling them to their first championship in 86 years.

There is something to be said for loyalty. These days loyalty is a foreign concept in professional sports, with players being able to demand trades, go to free agency, and hold out for bigger contracts. Some players also have the ability opt-out of their contracts, or just to be a bad teammate until the team is forced to make a deal (Manny Ramirez). After the 2006 season, David Ortiz signed a deal that gave him, on average, $13 million a year for four years. This is a number much lower than what he could have gotten on the free agent market (J.D Drew gets $14 million a year), so the team could go out and get help to win future World Series. The Red Sox delivered and got Daisuke Matsuzaka, leading to the 2007 World Series. There are no players in the league at his skill level who would be willing to give up money for the good of the team. It would be the height of hypocrisy if the Red Sox decide to trade away a player, while he is struggling, who sacrificed millions of dollars for the collective team to do well, and helped end one of the longest championship droughts in the history of any sport. David Ortiz is a rarity in the "me first" society we live in.

Their offense has scored the fifth highest runs in the league despite Ortiz's struggles. The reason that they have done well so far this season is that they have one of the best and deepest pitching staffs in the league. As the saying goes, "Hitting wins games but, pitching wins championships." which is the goal for every team entering the season. Their other hitters have stepped up big time and provided some punch that the line-up is lacking without Ortiz performing at his highest potential. People seem to forget that Ortiz is coming back from a major wrist injury, and that he rushed back last year without letting it properly heal, just so he could be with the team in the playoffs. This has to be a factor in his struggles this year. As for accusations that Ortiz's previous successes are a result of performance enhancing drugs, he has not tested positive for steroids during the past few years when the league tested players several times during the season randomly. If he had, we would certainly have heard about it.

When all is said and done, the Red Sox currently lead the toughest division in baseball. They have to be doing something right. As the saying goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Sports

Where Hard Work Pays Off

By Noel Haines, II
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While most students are preparing for the summer, the Boston Latin School Crew team is still practicing in preparation for its final races of the year. When you consider that its pre-season practice began back in January, you might be able to get an idea of the work they have put in. If not, this should help: imagine two months of rigorous indoor training for two hours a day and five days a week, followed only by another three and a half months of practice at Community Rowing Inc. in Brighton. The team holds three-hour practices on the water for five or six days a week. Each practice begins with various workouts designed to test the team in different areas, and the intensity of the practice simulates that of an actual race.

Though the team puts in a lot of work, its success is equally attributed to the leadership and efforts of its coaches. Head Coach Gillian Curran has been with the program for its entire history, almost eight years, while first-year Assistant Coach Kimberly Becker is a new addition. Under their guidance, the team aims for success in its third consecutive appearance in the USRowing Youth National Championship 2009, an annual event.

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Along with the success of the team this year, there have also been some setbacks. However, the team's most devastating opponent has not been a rival team, but rather the H1N1 virus. While most of us were glad for the unexpected week of vacation, the swine flu outbreak prevented the team from participating in two of its largest and most highly anticipated races of the year, the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Championships and Massachusetts Public Championships, which slightly dampened the team's spirits.

While most sports thrive off of individual performances, teamwork is truly the key for success in rowing, as the team members must work together in harmony to achieve the best results. Therefore it helps to have very dedicated members with experience working together. "It is not rare to find girls who took up this sport in 7th or 8th grade and stayed till 12th. There are a lot of expectations that we hold ourselves responsible for, but there are strong and important relationships built between teammates and that make people stay for so long," says captain Caroline Johnson (I).

With its reliance on the leadership abilities of its five seniors, including captains Hillary Cornish (I), Caroline Johnson (I), and Julia Yasek (I), the transition from this year to the next may present a slight challenge. However, team members cite the team's previous success during the 2008 season after the Class of 2006 graduated as both a sign of its strength and of the ability of its youth to take larger roles.

With a strong focus and rising expectations, the Boston Latin School Crew team continues to row its way to success. As Anna MacKoul (II) states, "We put ourselves through so much and work so hard, all to race for about five and a half minutes. Sometimes it seems overwhelming but once you get to the starting line of a race you get such an adrenaline rush, and you remember why you do crew." After enduring a season marred by unfortunate obstacles, the team remains determined to finish out its year strong.

Captains: Analyzing the Season

By Suzi Lu, I
Copy Editor

The Boston Latin School boys' volleyball team finished their season with a record of 8-8, earning them a ticket to the playoffs. On Wednesday, May 20, the boys were informed that their season would be over, however, as the MIAA banned all BLS athletics from participating in any competitions. The season was hard-fought throughout, as the boys put up a solid fight against Dual County League elites, Lincoln-Sudbury and Newton South, and steamrolled through lesser opponents, Arlington and Wayland.

I interviewed the two captains of the team, outside hitter Jack Chan (I) and weakside hitter David Ma (II), to hear their thoughts on the season.

1. David: I think our performance this year was solid. At the beginning of the season team dynamics were a bit shaky but toward the end the team really came together.

Jack: Our team has definitely improved over time. With our new Coach Jose we were able to train and practice to our full potential. He really brought the team together and made us into respectable and good volleyball players.

2. David: I'm upset that BLS was not given a chance to participate in the play offs. BLA lost today to Lawrence but the games were extremely close so I have no doubts that we had the potential to defeat not only Lawrence but also BLA. Though I understand why we were disqualified, I still think that we should have been given the chance to play.

Jack: This was a very unfortunate ending for our team. Due to the swine flu and the closing down of the school we were not able to play Lawrence and was forced to forfeit the game. We would have had a chance against Lawrence and would have been able to face BLA. Too bad we weren't able to play them because they would have been epic games.

MICHELLE YAN (I)
WOLFPACK HUDDLING UP

3. David: I think our expectation this year was to make play offs and we did accomplish that.

Jack: Our expectations were definitely accomplished by making playoffs, but we could have done much better with some of the games that we have lost.

4. Describe one memorable game - win or loss - and explain its significance.

David: I feel that the last home game against Westford was the most memorable. Even though we lost, I felt that the team really came together and pushed until the last point because we had some amazing comebacks during those sets. The game sort of proved to us that we had the potential to defeat stronger schools but we just needed the mentality sooner.

Jack: My most memorable game was playing at Lincoln Sudbury. I was very excited about that game and we almost had a chance to beat them, but I injured my left ankle on the first set. That was one of the games that I really wanted to do well in. Ironically it was one of the few that I was not able to play in.

5. David, what are your expectations for next season? Who or what will play a pivotal role?

David: Next year, I expect the team to practice, work and play harder. I know that the new varsity players stepped up this year but we are losing a majority of our offense so we all have to step up our games. I want to commend players like Kevin Ma (IV) and Joshua Savides (II), who are new incoming varsity players, because they really exceeded my expectations this year in terms of skills and mentality.

6. Jack, what will you miss most about being a part of BLS volleyball?

Jack: I will really miss practicing in the gym with the whole team. That gym has became a second home to me and we all feel like it provided a place to bond. Many memories were made in that place and I hope future volleyball players will experience the same as well.

7. Any final thoughts?

Jack: This year has been one of the most memorable. This whole team has worked very hard and I would like to acknowledge all of them on their consistent perseverance at practice and during the game. I thank all of you.

Girls' Tennis Cut Short

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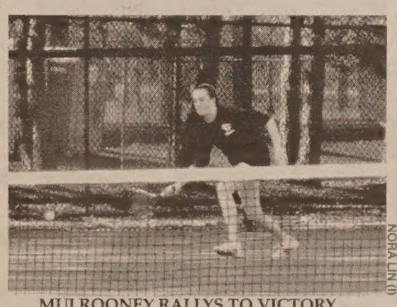
The commencement of the H1N1 virus "vacation" marked the end of the season for the Boston Latin School Girls' Tennis team. At the beginning of spring, the Girls' Tennis had many goals in mind, the most prominent being to win the 2009 Massachusetts State Championship title. However, challenging competition from several Dual County League powerhouses, Acton-Boxboro, Newton South, and Westford Academy, proved too tough this year as the Girls' Tennis team completed the season with a 6-9 record. Although failing to reach their pre-season hopes, the girls will have much to look forward to next year with the return of all three captains Alex Dorgan (II), Megan Mulrooney (II), and Bethany Nguyen (II).

During the regular season, the Girls' Tennis team practiced every day at the Robert M. Beren Tennis Center and played, on average, three games per week. From March to May, the team constantly played tennis, hoping to become a formidable presence in the Dual County League, the most challenging league for tennis in the state. The reason that these girls have such high expectations for themselves is because they all have a lot of passion for tennis and work hard to improve and succeed.


NORA LIN (I)
MULROONEY RALLYS TO VICTORY

The results of the 2009 season were an anomaly compared to those of previous years, as the BLS Girls' Tennis team has consistently earned a place in play-off competitions, even winning three consecutive state championships from 2001 to 2003 under the coaching of Paulanne Kennedy-Wilson. Thus, it is evident that the 2009 season may have come as a disappointment to the players. Though tough to swallow, this season has proved to be a learning experience for the team and will be a stepping stone for future success. As Nora Lin (I) put it, "Though we've had a tough season, I'm very confident that the team will do great in the years to come, especially since we have two very talented freshmen players with a lot of potential, Jenny Makovkina (IV) and Georgie Wynn (IV)."

Next year's Girls' Tennis team will definitely have experience on its side, since the team will be led by five determined seniors, prepared to make a statement. For two of these seniors, first singles anchor Megan Mulrooney (I) and the 2008 MVP, Catarina Goncalves, it will be their sixth year playing varsity tennis. With the other three seniors, Alex Dorgan (II), Monica Goncalves (II), and Bethany Nguyen (II), the team will bring experience and court presence to the table and is expected to redeem the team's high standards. These five seniors will be the leaders of the 2010 team as well as mentors for the future of BLS Girls' Tennis.

So a note to all future DCL Girls' Tennis teams: Be Ready.

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